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THE NEGRO VS HAPPINESS.

MANKIND LOOKS ON THE FOLLIES OF THE RACE DISGUSTED,

But the "Pegs" of the Standard are Being Raised—How?—The Observer Sees The Progress of the New Negro.

Editor The Freeman: The Negro is making speeches, singing songs and laughing, while the rest of mankind looks on, disgusted at our folly.

With the Negro as with other races the gravity of solitude and sober thought does not carry with it that dignity and lofty purpose and philosophy of life. We make speeches or have them made to us, we sing songs or have them sung to us, we are continually laughing at something or somebody, or being laughed at and upon these frail and flimsy appearances depend all our happiness, for not upon what we have or hope, nor upon the little done can we claim happiness. It has been well said in poetic refrain that

"The rich are happy in the plenty given,
The poor are happy in the hope of heaven,
The wise are happy nature to explore,
The fool is happy that he knows no more."

The smile of pretense often outshines the furrowed brow and the frown of care and constant thought, but the man of purpose and well directed aims in life, is the man who after the toils of a day finds that sweet repose and joy in home not found and looked for elsewhere. The man who makes speeches, sings songs and laughs much is lost in the general shuffle of this busy, bustling world. He trusts not to the gravity of solitude where stern ambition gives strength to lofty purpose, and where the eagerness to do some act brings comfort of body and dignity of mind. He makes a fool speech, sings a fool's song and laughs a fool's laugh and swears by all the forces of nature that he is happy. Poor, miserable fool! !

We often hear of happiness in nonpossesion of comfort; we often hear of wisdom possessed by the ignorant, but the kind of happiness, comfort and wisdom is of the kind that would make a jackass blush. A man to be happy, to be wise, must have reached a certain maturity of possession in this world's goods, and knowledge that can only be attained from diligent study and application of sober, sensible thought. Many men and women are reflecting great credit upon themselves and the race by their disavowal and unceasing protest against this "oh, be joyful," when there is nothing to be joyful for. The world says the Negro can make speeches, sing songs, laugh and be laughed at, but the world is far from recognizing as a universal fact that in all higher and sublimer traits the Negro is like the rest of mankind. There are sturdy, rugged men and women in the race whose aims are high, not of radiant faces, not splendid in form nor in dress elegant, but in heart pure, in nerve firm, often in color dark, but in everything straight and noble and trustworthy.

The class of young men and women coming forth yearly from college are to move the pegs of the race standard a nitch higher, those who have preceded them have made their work easier, and now those in their turn who shall follow are expected to play their part. From the result of past effort our anticipations brighten, our hopes dazzle in the noonday sun like mist in saphire foam of old "ocean's gray and melancholy waste." The forehead is less receding, the head more erect, the shoulders have greater poise and the features sterner and of vast import, less length of speech, less folly in song, less laugh and less laughed at. The observer sees something in the Negro race that he has not seen before and much to sharpen his curiosity and less to amuse him—He finds a streak of manliness, a high perched, earnest face, beaming with future prospects, grand achievements, nobleness of purpose and peace for peace, war for war. He finds a brain that confounds his arguments and a purse that insures logic and proves the way to comfort and happiness, not pretense, not speech-made, not song-made nor laughing happiness, but real genuine happiness, because per force of the pre-requisites, shorn of all tinsel, varnish and guild. Such are the expectations of those who have aided in the march of Negro progress, and great will the joy be in the realization of this change.

M. A. MAJORS, M. D.

Decatur, Ill.

Queen City Notes.

Cincinnati, O.—Special.—Rev. H. H. Harris, the eloquent divine of the Zion Baptist Church, returned home from Indianapolis last Saturday, where he spent a week's vacation. He filled his pulpit on Sunday and preached two eloquent sermons to large audiences. At the conclusion there were accessions to the church. * * The revival meeting at Allen Temple is growing in interest. * * Dr. G. E. Curry, of the Ninth-

Smothers; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Yancey; critic, G. L. Coleman; editors of Journal, Messrs. A. B. Ewing and H. B. Brooks; sergeant-at-arms, ——. On last Friday Dr. Ervin was slated for a paper, and, failing to appear, Hon. G. H. Jackson favored the meeting with an eloquent address, which furnished much food for thought. Dr. Carey, D. W. Clarke and Rev. Curry also made short speeches.

A Serious Accident.

Easley, S. C.—Special.—William Sitton met with a serious accident on the 20th from riding a dangerous horse. * * Rev. W. G. Deas held quarterly conference at John Wesley Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 22 and 23. * * Rev. E. J. Washington arrived here from Greenville. * * Mrs. Amelia Hunter, who has been very ill for some time, is oue again. * * Please leave or send your news to E. J. White, residence on Sardine street. * * President J. R. Mansell, of the F. A. S. Lodge, says that every colored person should read The Freeman every week. * * Taylor Williams, of the Southern Railway, was in the city on the 23d.

to work them out in a way that does not interfere with their studies. In this way a rare opportunity is provided for any young man wishing to be suitably prepared for the ministry.

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Central League Club Entertain.

St. Louis, Mo.—Special.—Rev. C. W. Preston, pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. Church has commenced a series of revival metings, which promises to be a spiritual success. The church is always crowded and at times standing room cannot be had. A notable fact about these meetings is that the audience is always of the refined and intelligent class of St. Louis's colored society. * * Rev. H. H. McAllister, pastor Wesley Chapel M. E. church reports old Wesley making a splendid fight, and having success spiritually as well as financially. * * Central Baptist church, 23rd and Morgan, under Rev. J. L. Cohron is having a success in its meetings. Rev. Cohron is putting forth his best efforts. The meeting had a

itor, H. C. Henderson advertising agent and E. L. Shelton city editor.

A Grand Rally.

New Albany, Ind.—Special.—M. W. Sparks and fourteen others received the degree of P. M. in the U. B. F. and S. M. T. Monday night last. * * Club No. 2 held a grand rally at Zion A. M. E. Church last Sunday at 3 p. m. Rev. S. C. Manuel, of the Second Baptist Church, preached an able sermon to the large and intelligent audience. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Skittman and Miss Mamie West, rendered several new and charming selections. It is the intention of the pastor, Rev. Cherry, to raise $500 by spring. * * Rev. M. Lewis, presiding elder, was in the city Tuesday. * * The Falls City Ministerial Association met at Jones A. M. E. Chapel last Monday ,Rev. F. Baker presiding. * * The revival at Bethel A. M. E. Church is progressing nicely. Several conversions and seekers are the result. Rev. Ratliff is doing a good and noble work. The Sunday school, under the supervision of Prof. C. A. Martin, is increasing wonderfully in number. * * Very inter-

METHODISM IN TENNESSEE

"IN THE THROES OF DEATH IS EAST TENNESSEE" SAYS THE

Writer, Who Plainly States the Cause and Remedy—The Work of B. A. J. Nixon, the "Watch Dog" of the Church.

The annual conference which met in Fayetteville six years ago voted a resolution to ask for a division of the Tennessee Conference into the East Tennessee and the Tennessee Conferences. But the delegates were too busy to attend to the business assigned them, and so East Tennessee is still in the throes of death. The din incident to the clashing of swords at the last two General Conferences so bewildered the delegates that they lost their heads, were swept off their feet, and the whole gang came back on their "all-fores."

Tennessee has set the precedent years ago of sending as delegates, first, the presiding elders, then the pastors of prominent charges, regardless of the special fitness of either. Following this rule, the next delegation will be about as follows: G. R. Norman, Bedford Green, R. A. Hill, —— Frye, A. W. Thorne, J. A. Davis, J. W. Picket, H. D. Canady, W. H. Young.

East Tennessee is suffering for lack of attention. There are three churches in Chattanooga, viz.: Warren Chapel, the mother, pastored by the writer, this being his first year; Davidson Chapel, Rev. Jesse Jenkins, pastor. This is Rev. Jenkins' seventh year. He is popular among his congregation, but when he is changed the church will split. Haigler's Temple is pastored by its parent and founder, Dr. T. W. Haigler. It consists of a few "stars" puled out of Warren Chapel several years ago, when Dr. Haigler was moved from the charge of Warren Chapel. Dr. Haigler is feeding his own dear sheep now the sixth year, and when the change comes the next pastor will "lift up his eyes, being in torment."

When East Tennessee is set apart as a separate conference it will be worth something to the connection; not until then. The biggest thing the A. M. E. Church has in East Tennessee is Warren Chapel, and it is situated in the most desirable locality of any colored church in the city of Chattanooga. It is a magnificent brick, and will always command a good congregation. Some serious blunders have been made by some former pastors of the church. The effect is felt to-day. The cause of African Methodism in Knoxville has been badly abused for years. Either incompetent or unfaithful pastors on the one hand or bad management on the other by the conference, have conduced to hinder rather than help the A. M. E. cause in the city of Knoxville. Rev. William Boyd, the present pastor is a "perfect fit" for Knoxville, but he is powerless to defend his cause.

If the Tennessee Conference spent the money on East Tennessee that she throws to the wind at each session, African Methodism would soon blossom as the rose. In our eagerness to be "up to date" we elected an official stenographer to give our proceedings to the Associated Press. He was well paid, although the stenographer reserved the right to choose the papers to which he should report. A half dozen young men of the conference would have gladly accepted the honor of reporting to the daily papers and given a receipt in full for the honors conferred. Such moneys might, with profit, go to the presiding elder of the Chattanooga district to help tide him over during the winter months. Some will call this narrowness, but I call it common sense. The presiding eldership in Tennessee is a "big thing," but the "littiest" big thing in the conference is the presiding eldership of the Chattanooga district. Rev. A. W. Thorne is an earnest, enthusiastic worker—just the man for the position under the present condition. East

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PHELPS HALL—TUSKEGEE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

street M. E. Church, is doing a good work. * * Rev. Kell, of Sweakly, Pa., a presiding elder of the A. M. E. Zion Church, held his quarterly at the St. John A. M. E. Z. Church last Sunday, preaching two eloquent sermons to large audiences. The Lord's supper was administered in the afternoon to a large number. * * Mrs. Andrew Johnson, of 76 Park street, in her usual pleasant way, entertained at six o'clock dinner in honor of Rev. Fisher, of North Carolina, on Sunday evening. Those present were Mrs. West, Misses Mamie Hackley, Fannie Blackburn, Mary Bishop, Messrs. J. T. Ashe and H. B. Brooks. * * Miss Latie Mefford, an estimable young lady of Dayton, Ky., visited friends in the city last week. * * Mrs. A. W. Forney, of Charleston, W. Va., is visiting friends in the city. * * Miss Florence Anthony, who has been on the sick list, is convalescent. * * Alex. Jones is on the sick list. * * Any one wishing The Freeman can get it by calling on or addressing H. B. Brooks at 929 Mound street. All orders given prompt attention. * * The Hartzell Literary Society of the Ninth-street M. E. Church elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: President, J. S. Fielding; vice president, C. H. Hunter; secretary, Miss S. Taylor; assistant, Mrs. E.

TUSKEGEE'S NEW BUILDING.

PHELPS HALL BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL IS HELD IN

The Beautiful and Picturesque Building Here Shown—This School Presents a Rare Opportunity for Young Men.

The beautiful and picturesque building shown above is one of the many buildings on the grounds of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. What is particularly interesting about most of the buildings at Tuskegee is that they were built largely by the labor of the students. The building shown above is one of them, and is called Phelp's Hall. The Phelp's Hall Bible Training School is conducted in this building.

This year there are fifty-one students enrolled in the Bible training department studying for the ministry. This is the largest enrollment except one of any similar school in the South.

The time has come when the race demands an educated ministry. Those young men who prepare themselves for the ministry get the best positions and places where the most good can be accomplished. At Tuskegee those students who have not the means to pay all of their expenses are given a chance

treat on the evening of the 18th inst. in the form of a Jewish minister, who delivered a very interesting address to the audience. Rev. Cohron is excellent example of race ability. * *Central League Club had an excellent entertainment at their hall, eleventh and Olive, on Sunday afternoon, 16th inst. and a very good program was rendered; as follows: W. S. Ingraham, address on "Modification of the Civil Service Rules;' Mr. Thompson, "The Present Municipal Administration;" Descriptive Recitation, E. W. Newsome. The League under the management of President Jones, Scretary E. L. Shelton, Treasurer E. A. Gray, with Hamlin, Lott, Brown and a host of other bright minds is making a brilliant record, and is putting forth strenuous efforts in behalf of the race, in the face of herculean opposition, and has established a precedent that will be an example to all such organizations in the coming centuries. * * The editor of St. Louis Defender and its proprietor, Aaron Jones, after a "serious discussion," in which the genial proprietor came out first best, and the editor "last last," will be continued under the title of The Sun, with E. A. Grey as editor-in-chief, E. W. Newsome managing editor, J. B. Lott associate editor, Mrs. Hamlin society ed-

esting exercises were held at the Scribner's High School last Friday afternoon. The programme consisted of essays, recitations and singing by the different pupils of the school. Prof. W. O. Vance, the principal, would be pleased to meet any or all of the parents at these exercises, which are held each Friday. * * Mrs. Cox, 1109 Constitution street, is ill.

"Two Hearts That Beat as One."

Tuscumbia, Ala.—Special.—Miss Emma Sawyer, who is teaching at Prides, city the guest of Miss C. N. Ross. * * Rev. P. C. Parker, of Inka, Miss., preached an excellent sermon last Sunday at the Baptist Church. * * Excellent work is being done in the city school. The enrollment is 145. * * Miss Sensabough is spending a while at her home, Calera, Ala. * * Joe Towns, Misses C. N. Ross and J. B. Towns paid Leighton a flying call on the 20th inst. * * Miss Julia Brown has returned from Birmingham, where she spent three weeks. * * The City School Literary Society rendered a splendid programme on the 21st. * * William Patterson, aged sixty, was united in matrimony on the 20th to Mrs. Maria Vam, who is the same age. They have the best wishes of The Freeman. * * Rev. Edmonson, presiding elder, was preached an excellent sermon at 11 a. in the city on the 21st, 22d and 23d holding quarterly conference. He m. Sunday.

STORY OF THE BIBLE.

HOW IT WAS COMPILED, PRESERVED AND BROUGHT DOWN.

The Records Began With Abraham and Were Collected by Ezra—It Was Born In the Little Land of Canaan—Conquered Israel's Gift to the World.

New discoveries about the Bible are being made almost daily. The religious world is startled every now and then by the announcement that some old manuscript has been found or some clay tablet corroborating Biblical history has been deciphered. The last few years have been especially notable for remarkable finds, not the least of which has been a single leaf of papyrus bearing a few sayings of Jesus—logia, as they have been called. These discoveries arouse a questioning frame of mind. We ask, how did we get the Bible, whence did it come, what was the method of its transmission to us? Learned volumes have been written, but only scholars read them. One of the latest of these is by Dr. William A. Coppinger, but it is so expensive a volume—only 150 copies have been printed for sale—that few can read it, even if they would. The much talked of polychrome Bible, edited by leading Biblical scholars of the world, is an answer to this demand. Still, the question, how did the Bible come down to us? ought to be answered briefly, so that the masses of the people can read and understand. It is irreverent to the Bible and the inspired men who gave us this world classic—the classic—dealing with the eternal theme of the relation between man and God to think of it as a ready made volume, dropped down from heaven bound and gilt edged.

The Bible was born in the little land of Canaan as the weary caravan, led by Abraham from Ur of the Chaldees, pitched its tents and the patriarch wrote down the promises of the Eternal on the palm leaves which he found at hand. This was more than 4,000 years ago, and that writing was in use so early is proved by inscriptions found on Egyptian steles or Assyrian tablets from 6,000 to 8,000 years old.

The records kept by Abraham and his immediate descendants undoubtedly formed the basis of the book of Genesis and the earlier chapters of Exodus, to be later utilized by the hand of Moses and his successors. With the advent of this great legislator of the Hebrews the nation was formed, with his legislation as its heart and center. It is probable that Moses wrote his portion of the Bible upon the linen used for such purposes in Egypt, for many large pieces of this linen covered with hieroglyphic writing have come down to us wrapped around mummies. The inscriptions are still legible. The Pentateuch was the nucleus of our Bible, the only Bible known to the Hebrews for many generations. It was written in the ancient Ibri character, closely resembling the Phœnician, as proved by the Siloam inscription discovered near Jerusalem and some ancient coins which have been found. Leaders like Joshua, Gideon and Samuel were needed in the promised land. Singers and prophets, too, arose, and the scribes of the leaders recorded what was done. The poets wrote down their best songs. The prophets' words were treasured up by their disciples and followers. The official records were kept in the national archives, and the songs of the poets and the speeches of the prophets were passed from hand to hand. When the kingdom was divided, records were certainly kept both in the southern kingdom of Judah and the northern kingdom of Israel. But much of the earlier literature was forgotten in the catastrophe of the destruction of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, and the exiles refused to sing the songs of Zion as they "sat by the waters of Babel and wept." When at last the term of exile was over and some of the more devoted Jews returned to rebuild the walls and temple of Jerusalem, the law had to be brought back to them.

Ezra was the man for this work, and he and his coadjutors, the elders, collected the scattered records of earlier days and made the first canon of the Pentateuch. They wrote it in a new script—Kethav Ashuris, the Assyrian or square character brought back from Babylon with them — and read and taught it to the people. By this time some of the speeches delivered by the prophets of the exile, the second Isaiah and his disciples, had become so dear to the hearts of the people that they were esteemed as classics. Some had preserved the addresses of the earlier prophets, and gradually a second set of accepted writings was added to the law. The older songs, too, were found again, and new singers were inspired for the service of the new temple, and the book of Psalms became its hymnbook.

The proverbs of the nation were collected by various hands. Other books were found or written as late as the second century before the Christian era. The book of Daniel, for instance, was composed to inspire a people, fainting under Syrian oppression, for the Maccabean revolution. And all this later literature was struggling for acceptance into the Bible until the canon of the Old Testament as we now have it was established in the first century of our era by the rabbinical school of Palestine. As the nation Israel sunk under the waves of Roman conquest the Jewish spirit held the Old Testament aloft as its gift to the world.—Clifton Hardy Levy in Review of Reviews.

Both Awake.

First Burglar—It's no use tryin thet place t'night, Bill. Ther man an his wife went in 'bout an hour ago, an I heerd him tell her he'd buy her a di'mond necklace termorrer.

Second Burglar—What's thet got t' do wid it?

First Burglar—Plenty. She won't be able t' sleep fer t'inkin 'bout it, an he won't sleep fer t'inkin how he's got t' pay fer it.—London Fun.

FOR ORDER IN THE COURT.

A Protest Against Dramatic Demonstrations In Trials by Jury.

There is a practice the universal prevalence of which in our existing trials by jury makes justice a misnomer. It is a practice whose evils, so far as I can discover, have never been commented upon, or even appreciated, by the press, public or individuals. I refer to the whole method by which, right or wrong, innocence or guilt is sought to be proved by the counsel on either side.

Assume, for instance, a criminal case —for the same method is applied, though usually to a lesser degree, to civil contests. Beginning with the opening arraignment by the prosecution, thence through the examination and cross examination of the witnesses, the display of exhibits, on to the very end of the final harangues of the opposing counsel, the dramatic is never lost sight of.

The emotions, not the intelligence, of the jurors are appealed to throughout.

In a typical murder case which recently gratified the morbidly sensational element of the entire country the district attorney arose impressively, glanced about him ominously and then, with a tremulously tragic voice, proceeded to arraign the accused, charging him outright with the crime, practically assuming without doubt that he was guilty and endeavoring by the use of every wile of the orator's art to sway the jury to his mode of thinking. And this before the minutest bit of evidence had been taken.

Is eloquence a proper adjunct to our jurisprudence?

Heretic though I may be, I hold emphatically and with qualification that it is not. It has no place in a hall of justice, where, we are led to believe, the truth and only the truth is to be brought out. Eloquence, as manifested by oratory, is inimical to truth, which can only be discovered and established by calm, unprejudiced and dispassionate investigation.

Eloquence appeals to the emotions, and its victories are obtained by trickery—the trickery of masterful verbiage playing upon sensitive but unreasoning ears.

The claim that cannot be justified before the reason cannot be valid. Eloquence is the weapon of falsity. Truth and right do not require its use. The sphere of eloquence is the stage. In the pulpit, before the bar of justice and in the hall of legislation it is a source of unlimited evil.

I hold that for the accomplishment of justice all the theatric displays, all eloquence, all excitants to the emotions, should be banished from our courts of law by sentiment if not by regulation. They have no place there.

Judicial procedure should be along the lines similar to the investigation of scientific propositions and discoveries. The establishment of right or wrong, guilt or innocence, is something to be effected by cold, prosaic, rigid inquiry, step by step, as analogous as may be to mathematical demonstration.

We shall have to wait long for the time when this is recognized, but it will be in the indefinite future, and when that time does come we may be more confident that our courts of justice are such in something more than name.—Criterion.

Persecuted by Office Seekers.

"The Inner Experiences of a Cabinet Member's Wife" is one of the most interesting contributions to The Ladies' Home Journal. In a series of letters the wife of a cabinet member writes to her sister of office seekers and of those in the departments. "You can have no idea," she anonymously declares, "how Henry (her husband) is persecuted by applicants for his influence with the president or with the heads of departments. He really has no influence outside of his own department, and he is wearing his sympathies into tatters listening to tales of woe. The saddest case that has come under my own observation is that of a maiden lady, fully 50 years old, who has worked in the departments ever since the war. Senatorial influence has kept her in all these years, but now that the civil service reforms are being introduced she is in despair, for, although perfectly competent at her work, she never in the world could pass one of those rigid examinations. She called upon me bearing a letter of introduction from Mrs. Arthur Folsom (Mary Allison), who married into one of the old families here. I don't know whether her family lost their means by the war or in some other way, but they did lose everything when she was a gay girl at the top of society in both Alexandria and Washington. She told me about dancing in a set of lancers opposite Abraham Lincoln, who, though awkward and angular in his dancing, seemed to enjoy it and always had a gay word for everybody. She says her feeling for Mr. Lincoln was something more than respect—it was more like adoration; that she has often wondered if people did not feel just so toward the great religious prophets who must have spread abroad what Mr. Lincoln did—an atmosphere of sympathetic kindness, trust, purity and nobility."

Wanamaker Turned Bricks.

The early days of John Wanamaker were not easy by any means. When only a lad of 5 years, he made bricks, or, rather, assisted in making them, for his business was to turn them in the sun until they were evenly baked. For this labor he received 2 cents a day and sometimes cleared 10 cents a week, but it must be remembered that there were many rainy days when the force of youthful "workmen" had to be laid off. John's first real rise to fortune was in the days when, as office boy, he saved money enough to start in business for himself. He worked as assistant in the office until he had climbed up to $6 a week, and then, seeing that he could get no more, he bought a little stock of cheap furniture and started in to be a merchant.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

AMERICAN LUMBER SUPPLY.

The Planting of Forests Likely to Be an Important Industry.

Looking not very far into the future, it seems that the planting of American forests will become a productive industry. Preservation of old forests, with their masses of dry underbrush and fire inviting collections of dry leaves, may be advisable for some reasons. These immense masses of firewood undoubtedly tend to collect snow, which, by its gradual melting, furnishes a supply to the water reservoirs beneath the surface of the ground. Snow thaws less quickly under the shade of trees than in the bright sunlight. Less water, therefore, runs to supply floods and freshets than when the snow is made to pass away gradually. But this question does not affect the solid timber interests.

In old forests, where there is a struggle for life among the trees by reason of their growing so thickly together, the result is the necessity of waiting many years before the trees will reach a size to make them desirable for timber purposes. Where trees have room to grow and are properly cared for most kinds of American trees will furnish useful timber in 20 or 30 years, and for many other purposes they can be employed even younger. It takes well on to a century for the struggling trees in a dense wood to have any marketable value.

While good timber is becoming gradually scarcer on account of our annual forest fires, rising from the conditions already stated, the demand is increasing, and, what is more remarkable, Europe is already calling on America for a supply of lumber. American oak especially is in great demand in the old world, while our black walnut is closely following in its wake. Our lighter woods also—such as the tulip tree and poplar —are coming into great demand there for packing boxes and cases where light weight is a great object. Those who are interested in forestry in our country should take up the matter of encouragement of forest planting. It will soon be a greater question than forest preservation.—Meehan's Monthly.

ANCIENT POLITICAL "RINGS."

Olden Time Schemes For Obtaining Wealth and Power.

The evil of monopolies and rings was known to ancients, Aristotle referring to them in his "Politics," and then, as now, it was found necessary to hold them in check by legislation. The monopolist was in Roman law called a dardanarius and punished under the Lex Julia de Annona. Monopolies of clothing, fish and all articles of food were prohibited by the Emperor Zeno under pain of confiscation and exile, so that it is certain that the "rings" of the ancient days were as mischievous as they are now. At Athens a law limited the amount of a corn a man might buy. The earliest recorded instance we have was a corn "ring."

There is an ancient tradition that the king who made Joseph his prime minister and committed into his hands the entire administration of Egypt was Apepi. Apepi was one of the shepherd kings and ruled over the whole of Egypt as Joseph's pharaoh seems to have done. The prime minister during seven years of remarkable plenty bought up every bushel of corn beyond the absolute needs of the Egyptians and stored it. During the terrible famine that followed he was able to get his own price and bartered corn successively for the Egyptian money, cattle and land, and, taking one-fifth for pharaoh, made him supremely wealthy. It was not merely a provident act, but a very politic one, his policy being to centralize power in the monarch's hands.—London Answers.

Antifat Mr. Banting's Joke.

The late George von Bunsen, the accomplished and delightful son of the baroness whose "Life and Letters" are well known in America, once told me an anecdote of the late Princess Mary of Teck and the celebrated Banting. The princess became, in her middle life, enormously stout, and finding her weight a burden tried several methods of reducing it. At last, having heard much of Banting, she sent for him. She was surprised to see that he was still extremely bulky, and after a few civil preparatory remarks she said, "But your system has not made you very thin, Mr. Banting."

"Allow me, madam," said Banting. And proceeding to unbutton his coat he disclosed a large wire structure over which the garment fitted. Inside was the real Banting, incased in another coat.

"This, madam," said he, pointing with pardonable satisfaction to his cage, "was my size before I commenced dieting." He then nimbly disembarrassed himself of his framework and stood before the royal lady exhibiting his elegant figure.

Apparently the interview led to nothing but amusement, for the good Duchess of Teck remained very stout to the end of her days.—Exchange.

Getting Ready.

Mr. Wiggles—I ordered two dinner sets sent home today, Maria.

Mrs. Wiggles — Two dinner sets? Why, Joshua Wiggles, are you crazy? What in the world do we want of two more dinner sets?

Mr. Wiggles—Why, didn't you tell me yesterday that you were going away next week to be gone a month? I want to have dishes enough in the house so that I won't have to wash any while you are away.—Somerville Journal.

Gin is alcohol flavored with juniper berries, coriander, almond cake, angelica root, licorice, cardamoms, cassia, cinnamon, grains of paradise and cayenne pepper. Other substances are often used, together with alum, sulphate of zinc and acetate of lead.

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CHAPTER XXII.

The next day both Miss Brandus and Brown quietly set about (each without the other's knowledge), to find the guilty party. She partly because Mr. Draper wanted her to do so, and in part because she had now a little more than a fellow feeling of sympathy for Brown—just a very little more. He was anxious to find the thief because—human and imperfect being—his heart was filled with revenge. Neither he or she were long in getting pointed clues. He recalled the fact of Clifford's repaying part of the debt he owed and asked the shipping clerk if Clifford was in his debt; the reply was yes.

"As I want to borrow fifty cents and know you are broke, strike him for $2 on account (I know if he owes you a cent he owes you more than $2.) and you will perhaps get $1; then lend me a half."

"I can't do that, as he paid me $3 on a $5 account to-day."

By something of the same method Brown found out that Clifford had paid in the past twenty-four hours about forty odd dollars on back debts and at once concluded that he was the one who took the money.

Miss Brandus talked with all the employes about the case, taking care not to mention the fact that the money had been found. All expressed sympathy except Clifford, who, having learned from the shipping clerk that the money had been "found," remarked that it was wasting sympathy to feel sorry for what was not lost. Knowing at once that he knew that the money was supposed to have been found she concluded from his air and talk that he took it. This fact she communicated to Mr. Draper, who asked Brown if he had any idea who took the money and Brown told him that he thought Clifford was the guilty party, stating his reasons for so thinking. Draper put one and one together—Miss Brandus's idea and Brown's conclusions—and at once discharged Clifford, after telling why he was discharged and giving him deep regrets that the crime could not be properly placed at his door.

"If I could prove what I think—yes, know—I'd send you to State's prison. Get out of here d—— quick."

Crawford, who we have learned, was an educated, bright, intelligent man, at once concluded that Miss Brandus was the cause of his discharge. He made up his mind to be revenged, if it took years.

"Yes, that woman is as deep as a well. She concluded from what I said I took the money, and told the old man so. She is trying to get an advance in pay by seemingly looking out for every interest of the house. Well, I'll be even with that. There's many a day in seven years, and seven times as many in forty-nine. I'll have revenge."

"And next within the entry of this lake,
Set fell revenge, gnashing her teeth for ire;
Devising means how she may vengeance take,
Never resting, till she have her desire."

CHAPTER XXIII.

The following Saturday night, when Brown got his pay envelope from the hand of Miss Brandus he tore it open at once, and taking out a $5 note, remarked:

"Here, Miss Brandus, is $5 on account. Kindly make a mental entry on your book of debtors and give me the same kind of receipt."

"I'll do nothing of the kind. Perhaps that's the exact amount your mother—or wife, or sis—"

I have neither mother or wife here in New York, but I—"

"Well, then, perhaps it is the amount your landlady owes her butcher, baker or candlestick maker for the week, and perhaps—beg pardon—it's about half the amount you owe her."

"I owe nothing to my landlady, but owe you just $83 and will live off—live off (here their eyes met) deep gratitude until it's paid."

"Then, dear sir, you'll live forever," said Miss Brandus, as she snatched her hat and rushed out of the store. As she reached the outside door she looked back. Her eyes met those of Brown; she smiled a smile of—well, admiration for a noble man. He returned the parting with a smile of esteem for a noble woman, and Cupid smiled the smile of a plotter.

After that day when Brown and Miss Brandus met by chance or accident (and both chance and accident caused them to meet quite often) they exchanged the greeting of the day in a more than friendly way. Time sped on for several months until Brown, who had saved a greater portion of his week's pay, placed $83 in her hand, with these remarks:

"Miss Brandus, here is the money in full I honestly owe. I flatter myself that I do not look like a beggar or object of charity, and if you do not deem me either, kindly keep the money without a word of comment or thanks." With these remarks he walked out of the store without waiting for a reply. The thermometer of her esteem for him went up several degrees higher, until it almost reached the love point. After a few minutes' reflection, it dropped back to the "highest esteem" point.

Although Brown had paid the debt he owed to the beautiful book-keeper, like the colored voter who votes the Republican ticket year in and year out, no matter who is on the same—saint or devil—he felt as if there was an unpayable debt of gratitude, and like the loyal and grateful political "brother in black," looked for an opportunity to repay a part of this unpayable debt. The opportunity at last came. Miss Brandus's books were out of gear; she was behind in her recorded cash. In plain English, there was $569.20 the cash book showed had been taken in, and the other books showed (or appeared to show), had not been accounted for. She could not find the error. Draper commenced to have his suspicions. "To the good all things are good," and—to the dishonest everyone seems a thief."

Brown was an expert book-keeper, although long since out of practice. Like the worn out race horse, when he hears the signal to line up for the race all his old time life comes back to him for the time being, so when our hero saw Miss Brandus's trouble the art, science and practice of book-keeping rushed into his head and he resolved to help her out of her troubles, as she helped him out of his, knowing, as she knew about him, that she was innocent of any dishonesty. He remarked that afternoon, when the opportunity presented itself, "Miss Brandus I overheard of your trouble, and will try to aid you. If you will get hereto-morrow morning early—say at 7 o'clock—I will look over your books after I put the men to work."

"You — look — over — my — books? Why, do you understand book-keeping?"

"Yes, Miss, and lots of other 'book learning.' I know lots more besides work horse toil. Not bragging on myself, I have enjoyed good school opportunities and am a graduate of two well-known halls of learning. I have studied the art of book-keeping—both single and double entry—from A to Z. I may be a little rusty in practice, but am perfect in theory."

Miss Brandus looked surprised for a few seconds, and then replied, "Well, Forrester, if you can in any way help me out of my trouble—you know I did not use the money—I'll thank you ever so much, in fact pay you for—"

"You will not pay me, Miss, for you have long ago paid me in advance. Do you not recall the old saying, "One good turn deserves another?'"

"I do, but—"

"No buts, Miss; kindly be here at 7."

The next morning Miss Brandus was at the store at 7 o'clock. After putting his men to work Brown entered the office, telling them that he would clean it himself, and remarked to Miss Brandus, "Please give me your books. I'm going in the private office and work upon the same. I have about two hours, as Mr. Draper will not be here until 9, at least. I'll take my broom, feather duster and other tools of my present trade (or occupation) with me. If he should come before the time, kindly acquaint me of the fact, with (beg pardon) true woman-like art, by saying, 'Forrester, is Mr. Draper's office ready?' I will then pack up your books and commence to dust, saying, 'it will be ready in a minute.'"

"What trickery can not men invent?" said Miss Brandus, with a smile.

"The shoe fits a much smaller foot, dear Miss, than any natural sized man ever owned."

"Oh, you men,"

"Oh, you women. But to business; kindly give me your books, Miss." He took the books and went into the private office and locked himself in. He soon found mistake after mistake, and error after error (although not common ones or ones that would be detected by any book-keeper who was not an expert. Miss Brandus waited for an hour and then her anxious fears caused her to knock upon the door and ask, 'Forrester, is the private office ready?" Our hero at once stacked up the books, took his feather duster in his hand and opened the door, asking in an undertone, "Is he coming?"

"No, but the anxiety of a woman in distress, and the curiosity of the normal bade me ask you what success."

I have found lots of mistakes, and have accounted for $102 now, and—"

"Oh, Forrester! How thankful I am you have—but here he comes."

"You can see where your mistakes were, as far as I have gone. Tell him you must take the books home to-night; then send them to No. — Marion st., Brooklyn, my home, and I will work on them all night."

"I'll not do any thing of the kind. I'll take them home to my house, No. — Hoyt st., where I would be pleased to have you call to-night—here he comes."

Miss Brandus took the books and Brown took the feather duster. When Draper entered she told him that she had discovered a mistake of over $100—no fault of hers—and if she could take the books home she might find out the rest. Draper told her to take the books home. She did so, telling her aunt, with whom she lived all about it, and all about our hero's aid, and of his intended visit, so when he called that evening her aunt, who was an old-time abolitionist, gave him a friendly reception, and left him and our hero—our book-keeper—alone to fight out the battle. Brown worked with the reported industry of the beaver until midnight. Every time he looked up from his work he saw leaning over his shoulder the beautiful girl whose bright eyes and pretty face looked brighter and more beautiful at every glance. Fate or accident had thrown these two young people of different races together.

"What fate imposes men must needs abide,
It boots not to resist both wind and tide."

[To be continued.]

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MEMORIES.

Once more, once more, my Mary, dear,
I sit by that lone stream
Where first within thy timid ear
I breathed love's burning dream.
The birds we loved still tell their tale
Of music on each spray,
And still the wild rose decks the vale,
But thou art far away.

In vain thy vanished form I seek
By wood and stream and dell,
And tears of anguish bathe my cheek
Where tears of rapture fell,
And yet beneath these wildwood bowers
Dear thoughts my soul employ,
For in the memories of past hours
There is a mournful joy.

Upon the air thy gentle words
Around me seem to thrill,
Like sounds upon the wind harp's chords
When all the winds are still,
Or like the low and soullike swell
Of that wild spirit tone
Which haunts the hollow of the bell
When its sad chime is done.

I seem to hear thee speak my name
In sweet, low murmurs now.
I seem to feel thy breath of flame
Upon my cheek and brow.
On my cold lips I feel thy kiss,
Thy heart to mine is laid—
Alas that such a dream of bliss
Like other dreams must fade!

—G. D. Prentice in New York Ledger.

THE COTTON GIN.

How a Woman Helped Whitney to Perfect His Great Invention.

"Recollections of Washington and His Friends" is contributed to The Century by Martha Littlefield Phillips. They were taken down from the lips of the author's grandmother, who was the youngest daughter of General Nathanael Greene. The following is one of the stories:

"During my life at Dungeness a circumstance occurred there of some historic and scientific interest and in regard to which much erroneous statement has been made. I refer to the invention of the cotton gin by Eli Whitney and my mother's connection with it. The facts, briefly stated, were about as follows: While spending the previous summer at Newport, R. I., my mother became acquainted with Mr. Whitney and grew much interested in the outcome of the experiments he was then making in the interest of his projected gin. To assist in his enterprise, my mother invited him to spend the following winter at Dungeness, where an abundance of cotton and quiet could be assured. Mr. Whitney accordingly came to Dungeness, and diligently pursued his experiments, a room in the fifth story having been specially fitted for his use as an inventor. One morning he descended headlong into the drawing room, where a number of guests were assembled and excitedly exclaimed, 'The victory is mine!' In deep sympathy with him the guests and hostess went with him to his workshop. Whitney set his model in motion. For a few moments the miniature saws revolved without hindrance and the separation of the seed from the cotton wool was successfully accomplish, but after a little the saws clogged with lint, the wheel stopped, and poor Whitney was in despair.

"'Here's what you need,' exclaimed my mother in her clear, decisive way, and she instantly seized a clothesbrush lying on the mantel and held it firmly to the teeth of the saws. Again the drum revolved, and instantly the saws were cleaned of the lint, and the last requirement of the great invention was satisfied.

"'Madam,' said Whitney, overcome with emotion and speaking with the exaggeration of gratitude, 'you have perfected my invention!'"

Morals and Sex.

Whatever the Turveydrops of the moral world may have to say about the necessity for elevating moral deportment on the part of "wooman, bewitching wooman," I have never been able to see any indubitable intent in nature herself toward binding them over to any higher moral standards than she does men. Both men and women seem to me to be compounded of the same average morality, though with certain unlike manifestations, largely the result of circumstances and opportunities.

I see no special cause for believing that the average woman under like temptation would do very differently from the average man—a belief which is not lessened by Bishop Potter's recent accusation before the women's auxiliary of the Civil Service Reform association that they put their relatives into office whenever they get the chance, "without any evidence that they are fitted to fill the places they applied for." Possibly women were intended by their Creator to stand for the reformatory interests of life, but I think there is not as yet sufficient evidence thereto, either in the nature of things or of women, to warrant any special abrogation of other distinct and more familiar duties in favor of interests mainly moral.—Helen Watterson Moody in Scribner's.

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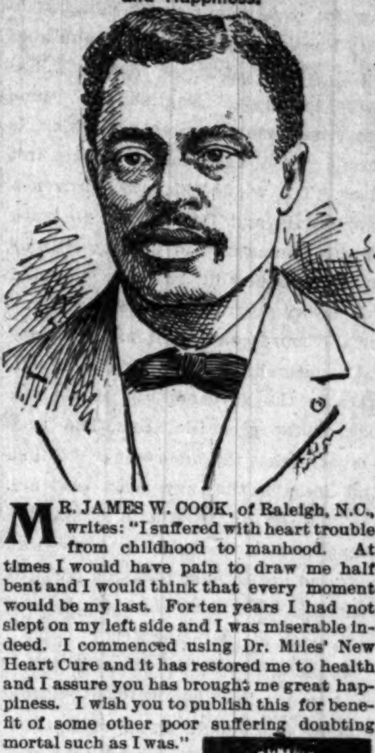

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DOLE AND HIS ISLANDS.

President Dale, of Hawaii, if you please, is on these shores just now. He comes for the express purpose of asking the government at Washington to help him let go of his little republic of sugar cane, volcanoes, leprosy, Japanese, Chinese, Englishmen, some Americans, more natives, etc., which he should never have taken in the first place. The whole thing has proven a boomerang, and Dole thinks to work off this community of polygot citizens on an unsuspecting nation. He could well afford to trade his shaky "tiara" for the more convenient and substantial senatorship of a rotten borough State or the governorship of a territory of the great domain. The only sympathy that the president of Lilliput land needs is that sympathy that humanity owes to unfortunate mankind—sympathy because he is in a predicament and not because he had a right to get into it. The priest has pity for the dumb lamb at the slaughter,

"But does he, for that pity, falter?"

Not much; Dole has walked into the shambles and should be sheared. The United States has not gone into the land-snatching business. Let other nations, that were born and reared to such practices perpetuate them if needs be. The policy of isolation has kept this country free from the entanglements that keep the European nations ever on the qui vive. To annex Hawaii is to gratify sentiment alone. No one expects advantages from these islands thousands of miles remote from the nearest civilization. In other words, Dole is the Hawaiian Islands as the matter now stands. He has secured his elephant, now let him care for it as he best can. If the natives of the islands prefer their exiled queen or her beautiful relative, they ought to be lords of the situation. This, perhaps, is not might, but it is right. Let the government appoint a protectorate over the islands and re-establish the rightful rulers to the country. Success, or the ends do not always justify the means.

The appointment of Hon. Albert S. White, of Kentucky, if appointments of this kind are made for services rendered, is a good one. He asked and received his appointment in the old-time way. He advertised his claims and they talked. He goes as consul to Sierra Leone, Africa.

Mr. Wm. H. Schmidt, the popular treasurer of Marion county, is standing for the chairmanship of the County Republican Committee. Mr. Schmidt has become immensely popular through his mediation in behalf of the sewer ridden and tax stricken people of the county. His method of informing the people of their burdens has saved them much needless expense.

C. H. J. Taylor's recent letter in The Freeman, advocating the organization of a Negro national party is a huge joke. We did not take it seriously until we noticed that race journals were quoting and commenting upon it in a serious way.—Odd Fellows' Journal.

This huge joke on the part of Mr. Taylor inspired a whole column of editorial comment on the part of the Journal. It is to be hoped that the joke is not growing so serious.

Professor R. T. Greener, of New York, has been appointed by the President as Consul to Bombay, India. The President could not have made a better selection.—Utah Plain Dealer.

It goes without saying that the appointment of Greener is most satisfactory. The satisfaction, so general, comes from the fact that fitness was not alone his "stock and store." He worked hard to make the Republican ticket a success and consequently he was among the eligibles on that score.

Boss Croker of Tammany Hall, is flirting with the Negro voters. He has just "anointed" one, Mr. Edward E. Lee, generalissimo of the Negro contingent of that powerful organization. The words of the chief are sirenic. He says:

"We believe that the colored voter should be recognized, and it is the purpose of Tammany Hall to recognize him. We shall receive you on the same footing with the white organizations; we guarantee you patronage equal and in proportion to the vote you poll for Tammany Hall and Democracy. The Democrats of New York are ready to receive and welcome the colored voter into their camp. We of Tammany Hall, invite you to vote with us, and we shall take care of you."

The honied tones of Croker will have some weight. To be so cordially welcomed indeed is very apetizing to many who have long since been hungry or neglected. However, the end can not be predicted from the beginning. It may be the seductive voice that leads to destruction.

There is some evidence in the recent official action of the President to warrant the belief that he has at last discovered the necessity of according the colored politicians of the country a fair degree of political consideration.—The New Age, Portland, Ore.

The President is beginning to do a little figuring in his own behalf. The appointment of Greener of New York and White of Kentucky, shows a marked departure from the preceding program. Mr. McKinley owes his own elevation to ceaseless activity on the part of the politicians and on these again he must rely if he catches his second wind.

IMPORTANT IF TRUE.

It is said that, after an unsucessful attempt by a Kentucky legislator to have the "separate coach law" repealed in the State through the killing of the same by the committee that acted on it, some measures looking towards relief from the infamous laws will be introduced into Congress. It is further said that the Hon. Speaker, Thomas B. Reed, has received photographs of these cars and a mass of documentary evidence, all of which are intended to show the spirit and letter of discrimination as practiced try. This information is important if true. While it may be that Congress has no intervening power, yet those who are vitally concerned should know that all resources are exhausted before such conclusions are reached. The general government, the refuge of the weak, is suposed by some means to be able to succor those within her borders. Let Congress be the court of the last resort, that organized body that is never asleep to the needs of comunities; let Congress of the country express itself. It did as much in the Civil Rights Bill, the unconstitutionality of which is no part of the question. To admit that these things must stand—reflectors of a barbaric age—an age of man's inhumanity to man—is weakness on some one's part. That the opppressed has no tribunal is contrary to the spirit of an enlightened age. The acumen, the sagacity that erected these notoriously infamous institutions, should be met by acumen and sagacity sufficiently able to burn the barriers away. The learned legal minds of this age have been the open sesame that have flung wide prison doors that refused to yield to keys of iron and brass or the battering ram. Is all of this learning dead, dormant, on this subject, where the civil and political deaths of millions are involved? Bars erected on the account of color are unnatural and unGodlike, and if God lives the end will some day heave in sight. In these times when negro manhood is suppressed at the North, outraged in the South, subsidized in the East, it is evident there is not many left to carry out the plan of peace redemption. No one is looking after the negro at large. Gags, inquisitorial gags, are the appliances. Some of these are covered with velvet, but more plated with gold. Some are rough hewn, but all are gags diabolical, effectual. The "jim-crow car" laws, linked with the disfranchising schemes, are the crowning disgraces of the age. Yet murmurless they are received, as though they were fit decrees for a given people. These are standing monuments of degradation, humility and servitude. They are the badges that all negroes must wear, whether they will or not.

Try the Congress of the United States for a sovereign remedy.

The whites and the blacks loving and trusting each other as friends and brothers.—The Jamaica Advocate, Kingston, Jamaica.

The above is what the Advocate wishes to see. It seems that this little British dependency has troubles of its own. We suspect from the reading of these lines that difficulties of much the same nature as here, exist there. It seems a war of the blacks and whites the world over, which means absorption by the whites ultimately.

The people of Omaha, it seems, are not prepared to make the best of the great exposition about to be opened in that city. A Mr. E. H. Hall, in the Omaha Enterprise, has this lament:

We have in this city about four eating establishments run by colored people, two clubs, two billiard and pool rooms, two grocery stores, one feed store, ten barber shops, one bath house and two saloons. We have not got one cigar stand, nor a news stand, nor a hotel proper, nor a bicycle repair establishment, nor a hack line nor anything in fact to put us in shape to reap a considerable portion of the profits from the exposition business.

The people of Chicago would do things better than that. One can see at a glance the needs of Omaha. It would not be a bad city to locate in.

"As said in my inaugural, mob violence (whose home is in the breasts of cowards), should be prevented by all hazard, or, if committed, promptly and severely punished. It is an open declaration of contempt for the laws, the courts and the administrations of justice, and instead of promoting, destroys the welfare of the state. The commission of crime to punish crime can find no apologist in Christian civilization." * * *

"Every citizen should be judged according to his conduct, decency and good citizenship, rather than his color, and the slave who, side by side, with his master, drove the carriage, or played upon the green with his children, in old slave days, cannot disgrace him, now that he is free, by riding in the same coach, provided that his conduct and character are good.

"If it is proper that this bill remain on the statute, why not prevent Negroes from riding in the street cars with the whites in our cities? Is the Negro in the city entitled to privileges that his brother in the country or smaller towns is not entitled to? Is the white man or woman in the country or smaller towns better are entitled to more protection than the whites in the cities? In the street cars the races are much more closely associated than on the railroad cars, and yet no complaint is made in that direction."—Gov. Bradley of Kentucky.

THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

We want to hear from the Negro leaders who have already been appointed. All of them need not speak at once. What have you done? Tell the people.—The Southern Age.

Prof. R. T. Greener, of New York has been apointed by President McKinley as consul at Bombay, India. Mr. Greener has been prominent in Republican politics for a long time and deserves the recognition given.—Exchange.

The time is now for the Negro to act. He should agitate such men for office that will look for the interest of his race and stop giving his prestige to men who only know him for the service he can render.—Kansas City Observer.

"If the disfranchisement of the colored population is as necessary for the preservation of good government in Louisiana as the people of that State seem to think, they are to be congratulated on having finally concluded to use legal methods."—Pioneer Press, N. O., La.

The selection of the Hon. R. T. Greener as consul to Bombay, India, is a comendable one. Since the death of Hon. J. A. Langston, Mr. Greener is rated as the most scholarly Afro-American in politics and is a fair representative of the race. He will no doubt make a good diplomat.—The World, St. Paul, Minn.

The faculty of Claffin University have filed a protest against the passage of a "Jim Crow car bill" by the legislature. They have put themselves on record as being opposed to any legislation that will operate to the end of humiliating our race and especially our women.—The People's Recorder, Columbia, S. C.

According to the Vindicator, Hons. B. K. Bruce, John P. Green and Mr. George Myers are going to form a National Organization of colored Republicans. This is too much. Not one of these men by virtue of his popularity or individual political standing could carry a single election district in the United States.—Odd Fellows' Journal, Philadelphia, Pa.

H. W. Furniss, of Indianapolis, has been apointed consul to Bahia, Brazil, the position given to Dr. Elbert, who failed to pass the necessary examinations. The apointments are coming slow, but a few of the colored brothers are getting there in a shape that is perfectly satisfactory to themselves, if not to the race as a whole.—The Statesman, Denver, Col.

It will be gratifying to his many friends to learn that Hon. John R. Lynch, of Mississippi, is to be appointed collector of tax for the District of Columbia. The position is worth $4,000 per year. One by one the rich plums are falling, but in the same place or upon the same persons. This will continue to be the case for many years to come.—Helena Progress, Helena, Ark.

Mrs. Arthur Riggs, of Cincinnati, O., deserver well of her people for her plucky action in securing tickets for a theater in Cincinnati and gaining the desired seats, notwithstanding that the color line had been drawn and certain seats we reallotted colored people. On her appearing next day for seats the management apologized for the discourteous treatment of her by an usher on the previous day, and assured her that hereafter all seats were at the disposal of white and colored alike.—The Boston Advocate.

Newsy Notes

Glenwood Springs, Col.—Special.—"Before the War" was played at Durands Opera House to a large audience last Thursday. (Jan. 13). Billy Williams brought down the house with his jokes and banjo solos. The cake walk was the best seen here. In fact the whole show was a success. * * Glenwood was again visited by an earthquake yesterday afternoon about half-past 3 o'clock. No damage was done, however. This is the fourth one felt in the past two weeks. * * John Walker was found dead in his bed last Monday morning. He was one of the oldest colored men in this section. He had been ailing for some time. He had no known relatives. ** Mrs. Blake Moore is slowly recovering from her illness. * * Stiles & Reese, tonsorial artists, are doing well in their new quarters. * * Glover Moore struck gold about one and one-half miles from town. It assayed $3 1-2 to the ton, and being only a few hundred feet from the railroad, it will become paying.

Returned From Conference.

Corinth, Miss.-Special.--Prof. Combs, the principal of the schools here, has returned from the M. E. conference and reports a grand time. * * With Prof. F. W. Graham's assistance, Prof. Combs has one of the best trained schools in this city. * * The Ministers and Deacons Association will convene four miles west of here at Boonville, on the 25th to 27th, with Rev. C. L. Yates of the Booneville association presiding. The Mt. Olive association will convene at the same time with Rev. A. R. Abooth of this city as manager.

Social Club Organized.

Decatur, Ill.—Special.—Some of the best people of the city met at the beautiful home of Mr. Jonathan Rogan, on East Wood street, on the 13th inst, and organized a social club. It was given the name of the Hyacinth Club. After the adoption of the constitution and by-laws and the election of officers refreshments were served and a pleasant time had. The next meeting of the club will be on Thursday evening, Jan. 20, at the home of Mr. Lewis Steward, on North College street, and it is hoped that the Hyacinth will be out in full bloom. * * The Twentieth Century Club, an organization of young men, having for its president Edward White, and secretary Solomon Lee, gave its first annual reception Jan. 25, at the home of Mrs. Charitie Valentine, 767 E. William street. * * The friends of George E. Lee, who has been for some time in the employ of Messrs. Folrath & Hardy, shoe dealers, will be pleased to learn that he is learning the trade of the shoe cobbler, and will finish his apprenticeship some time in March, after which he will receive a good salary. Mr. Lee is a thrifty young man, and his example should be followed by more of our young men.

Greatest Issue of Them All.

Editor The Freeman—Sir: You have long since had just cause to know that flattery is not one of my faults, no matter what others I may have, therefore permit me to say that I flatter myself that I have the largest and oldest files of Negro newspapers of any Afro-American in the United States. I have a complete file of the "Anglo-African from 1857 to 1868, one year's copies of the "Ram's Horn," 1847; a ten-year file of the "Christian Recorder," 1874 to 1884; six months copies of the "National New Era," 1870-71; two years' copies of "The Peoples' Advocate," 1874-75; and lots of later papers, Of the whole collection your Christmas number is beyond flattery or doubt the best and greatest issue of any Negro journal published in the United States up to date of writing.

AUGUSTUS M. HODGES,
Jan. 1, 1898.

Cullings From the Churches.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Special.—The first anniversary of the Mt. Zion Baptist church, Rev. J. B. Miller pastor, was held on the 10th inst at Conyer's Hall. It was quite a brilliant affair. * * Revs. R. J. Buckner and A. W. Thorm have been selected by the City Ministerial Conference to do the preaching during the union revival services, which began last Monday at the Congregational church. These two divines have exhibited peculiar gifts along that line of work. * * The following officers of the Ministers' Union are serving their first term: Rev. R. J. Buckner president, Rev. J. A. Jones vice-president, Rev. R. B. Trusty secretary. Comittee on program consists of Revs. Smith, Jones and Tucker. Another rally took place at Warren Chapel A. M. E. church last Sabbath. The sum of $75.05 was raised. This makes about $550 raised by Rev. Jones the pastor, since his coming to this city. Warren Chapel has taken on new life. * * A large and appreciative audience assembled at Wiley Memorial church last Sunday at 3 p. m., to hear the special sermon to "Professional Men and Employes," by Rev. Buckner, the pastor. * * Dr. J. P. Andrews has moved to his new home on Cherry st.

Dots.

Chambersburg, Pa.—Special.—Miss Julia Cook, of Philadelphia, was called home on account of sickness of her mother. * * Miss Millie Cook has returned from Philadelphia. * * Miss Anna Williams is recovering. * * Miss Francis Collins, of West Washington street, is still on the sick list; also Mrs. Ellen James, of East Washington street. * * Revival at St. James A. M. E. church is progressing nicely. Eight have united with the church. * * Rev. Thomas Burl spent Sunday at Williamsport. * * Until the 1st of February The Freeman, $1 a year. * * Miss Julia Myers was married to Mr. McCombs, of Harrisburg, Pa.

Personal Mentioned

Troy, Tenn.—Special.—Allen Brown and Andrew Moffatt have returned from Lagrange, Ark. * * George Crockett and Harrison Blanton, two expert timbermen who have been spending a few weeks at home with their families, return this week to Arkansas, where they are engaged in timber work. * * Mrs. Jeanette Hill had a large cancer cut from her right side last week. It will be some time before she will be at her herself again. * * W. H. Hoard, Troy's expert marksman, went out hunting last week and returned in a short time with fifteen squirrels. * * The department of literary work of the Epworth League met last Sunday afternoon and rendered a very interesting program. * * Messrs. R. B. Brooks, Isaac Cochran, W. H. Hoard, Mrs. Barbara Cochran, Ellen Wiseman, Gracie Brown and Bettie J. Orsborne are regular weekly subscribers to the Freeman. They are always glad to see it come and like it better at every issue.

The Negro population of the United States in 1890 was 7,470,040, of which number Mississippi contained the largest number, and Virginia the next.

A RECITATION OF THE MERITS —OF— AYER'S Cherry Pectoral would include the cure of every form of disease which affects the throat and lungs. Asthma, Croup, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough and other similar complaints have (when other medicines failed) yielded to Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

METHODISM IN TENNESSEE.

(Concluded From First Page.)

Tennessee could with profit bear more light turned on, although in such a case a little more of our conference red tape money would have to accompany the light. The cause in the mountain district of Tennessee would be greatly enhanced if more attention were given this section by the bishop and heads of the general departments.

The long-prayed-for centralization of our educational interests has been at last consummated. The scholarly and stirring B. A. J. Nixon is the father of the movement. Brother Nixon's fault is too much ambition, though one redeeming characteristic of Nixon is he cannot be discouraged. If he is discouraged no one knows it. He has intimate friends to whom he will divulge secrets, but no living being goes into Nixon's closet. That is the secret of his success. He is constantly springing surprises upon you. He is classed among the younger members of the conference, but no living member has done more to make the Tennessee Conference what it is than the ever-alert B. A. J. Nixon, the "watch dog" of the conference. If he is allowed the chance he will make Turner Normal School at Shelbyville the pride of this section, though he will never do it while carrying at the same time the responsibility of the pastorate of the church. A pastor should be appointed to the charge of the church at that place, and leave the president untrammeled in his work of managing the school. The hardest three years' work I ever did was during my dual administration as pastor and president of Turner Institute in 1893-1895. A magnificent stone foundation for a brick church was laid during the last year. This is the third year since my departure, and, with the exception of a little addition of stone, laid during 1897 by Rev. Nixon, the church remains as I left it.

Rev. J. H. Turner, during 1896, was unequal to the opposition which confronted him, so he, being discouraged, practically did nothing. If B. A. J. Nixon builds the church, and at the same succeeds in his school work, he will do more than any sensible man can expect. Now, that West Tennessee has thrown her support to the school, there is no reason why the next conference should not send a pastor to the church and make B. A. J. Nixon a full-fledged president of the school.

[To be continued.]

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SHUQUALAK DOTS.

Shuqualak, Miss.—Special.—It seems that "Cupid's darts" are all turned toward Shuqualak and it is not "leap year." Yet the girls are "over anxious." Mr. John Gartee and Miss Della Gaston were united for life Thursday night, January 20, and an unknown couple backed under the same "arch" an hour later. * * The Friday "Rhetoricals" of the public schools are good. Parents, come out and visit them. * * James E. Washington reports having a nice time at the annual conference, held at Oklona, Miss., Jan. 12 to 17. Bishop W. X. Ninde presided. * * Rev. L. J. Terrell leaves for Sardis and Rev. P. S. Bowie arrived from Sardis Saturday night to take charge of the flock, and preached an able sermon on "Prayer." * * B. T. Teer left Sunday night for Macon to attend the funeral services if his aunt, Mrs. M. Jones. * * Rev. Wm. Hamlin is in Meridian attending the annual conference of the C. M. E. church. * * Mr. Will Davis is heart sick, while Mr. Lewis Hudson enjoys housekeeping. Watch and wait, Will. * * Rev. L. S. Lee preached an able sermon on the "Blood of Christ." He leaves for Meridian next week.

Logansport News.

Logansport, Ind.—Special.—Rev. G. R. Collins, the new preacher at the A. M. E. Church, is the right man in the right place. The Sunday school is progressing under the leadership of the present officers and teachers—C. S. Jones, superintendent; George Allen, secretary. * * Della Jones, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones, is quite sick with typhoid malaria. * * The chicken-pie social given at the A. M. E. Church last Wednesday night, the 19th, was a success. * * Harry West, of Paris, Ill., was the guest of friends in the city last week.

The portrait above is familiar with the Thespian exponent of versatility who possesses in a striking degree the unique and useful gifts of individual characteristics, and as far as criticism goes, public opinion and constant hard work, she has stood the test and amply proved these assertions and has been constantly in demand since her debut in 1889 with the Nashville Students, where she remained two seasons, securing her release under severe difficulties to accept a like position with the Hyer Sisters' Company, which was conceded the best in those days. After serving a season with that company, John Whallen happened to stop off at a small town in Ohio to get the election returns from Louisville, and some one of his associates suggested that there was a show in town. "We will go over to pass away the time and get away from the noise and excitement." Accidentally, to his surprise, he said: "There is just the woman I am looking for to complete my company, as I had advertised and searched the country and had practically given up hopes. Now, if I can secure her I am positive I can create a sensation." By the most severe persuasion of the members of the company she went to join three weeks later, and completed the cast of the "South Before the War," remaining three seasons, until she had reached the zenith of that company, but not the goal of her ambition. During the season of '93 William Howarth, who wrote "On the Mississippi," was around looking for the best suitable talent for Messrs. Davis & Kehoe's first production of that play, and witnessed the above-named show at the old Niblo's Garden, New York City. After giving the performance and players careful study he immediately told Mr. Edward J. Nugent that he had made an important find, and said: "I am positive she is capable of doing better work if the opportunity presents itself." So she was consulted and secured at what was termed then a flattering salary. She soon became the prime favorite among the members of the company which she was associated with—the Misses Gail Forrests, Nina Heywood and Josie Sisson, together with Messrs. Lawrence Hanly, Thomas A. Wise, William Courtleigh, J. Haycarar, Joseph Conyers, Wilson Deal and the author. It was through this school of talented actors and actresses she received the better portion of her art, of which she became so proficient that Mr. Edward J. Nugent immediately gave her an elevation and started her to join Billy McClain in the "Swuanee River," being her first time to star in popular-priced houses, and making a success. Since she has been attracting public attention and growing more popular with the press and management, now where she has reached the pinnacle of the goal, as being crowned the greatest aspirant for the versatile honors of her race, but she never overlooks her promoters and friends of childhood days. I would be truthfully speaking to say that it would take up too much of your valuable time to mention the minor results and happenings that have taken place in the short period of her eventful career. The candidate for publicity of whom you have just read, or probably glanced over, is none other than Mme. Cordelia Scott-McClain, who for the past two seasons has been the prima donna with John W. Vogel's Darkest America," and whose time is consumed until 1900. Then she is especially engaged to appear at the Paris Exposition, where she expects to create quite a furore.

JAMES B. WEBB, Jr.

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"Oriental America" will return to this country about May 2.

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The Eldridges—Billy and Jennie, are at the Olympic, Chicago, this week.

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There is a letter at this office for Prof. W. C. Handy, of Mahara's Minstrels.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom McIntosh, late of Isham's "Octoroons," are playing dates.

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D. C. Scott, late of Mahara's Minstrel, has joined hands with Frank Burns.

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Wm. H. Windom, assisted by the Blackstone Quartette, was at Proctor's Theatre, New York city, last week.

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Billy and Madrid Jackson opened at the Orpheum Theatre, San Francisco, on the 23rd, with the Orpheum circuit to follow.

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Hillman and Perrin's song, "Mamma's Little Pumpkin Colored Coons," from all indications, is one of the successes of the season.

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During the engagement of Richards & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels at Dallas, Tex., on the 12th, the two upper floors of the opera-house were reserved for colored people only. Both were packed to the doors.

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Billy Johnson and Bob Cole's new farce, entitled "A Trip to Coontown," introducing a number of clever specialties, were great drawing cards at the Queen's Theatre, Montreal, Canada, week of the 10th.

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The Black Patti Troubadours scored a great success and played to the largest audience ever congregated in the New Winnipeg (Canada) opera-house. Standing room only was the order of the day during their engagement.

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Levy Payne, late manager of Payne's Colored Female Band and Song Birds, after a season of thirty-six weeks with Hummel, Hamilton & Sells Circus, closed in New Orleans, Jan. 3, and is resting at his home in Kansas City, Mo.

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Harry Brown, lightning crayon artist, closed a successful week at Fenton's Winter Garden, Buffalo, N. Y., and this week is making a decided hit at Moore's Wonderland, Detroit, Mich., on the eastern circuit in his original creation, "The Tramp Artist."

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Wall and His Four Hundred are meeting with great success. The following is the roster: Bobby Dobbs, James Judge, Lizzie Stiles musical director; Bertie Stiles master of transportation; Robt. Payne, Harry Miller, Campbell and Collins, George Derous, John Wilson, George Newmonies, Mary Wallace, Jno. Newmonies, Alonzo Newmonies and J. Turner Wall, manager.

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Slayton's Jubilee Singers are singing this season under the management of Brockway's Lyceum Bureau. They are among the best of the old jubilee singers. There are eight people in the company, three females and five males, whose names are Miss Eva Larue, soprano; Miss Jeanette Murphy, soprano; Miss Cassie Brown, contralto; Basil Robinson, tenor; Nolan Washington, tenor; Joseph Hagerman, basso; Fred Burch, pianist; Charles Moore, basso and stage manager.

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"Sweetheart, 'Tis All for You," published by A. C. Monroe, of Prescott, Ariz., is one of the prettiest songs that has been issued lately. The music is very catchy and as the whole selection is written in a waltz time, every musician will find the piece to his liking. Wulschner & Son, Indianapolis, have the selection for sale. Price, 50c. It can also be had at the following places: Oliver Ditson, Boston, New York and Philadelphia; Lyon & Healy, Chicago; Howard Music Co., Baltimore; Sherman & Clay, San Francisco; Bartmer & Webber, St. Louis; John Church, Cincinnati; F. J. Schwansky, Detroit; J. A. Harvey, Sacramento, Cal.; Phillips & Crew, Atlanta Ga.; Thomas & Barton, Augusta, Ga.; and Taylor, music dealer, Tacoma, Wash.

Read by both White and Colored.

Shelbyville, Tenn. — Special. — The Freeman, the greatest negro journal published, is read weekly by most of the prominent white and colored citizens of our city. * * The Pike school, taught by S. C. Rainey, was in every way a success. The pupils acquitted themselves intelligently both in their examination and in their closing exercises. Mrs. R. A. Hill, the organist, and Mr. Rainey are being praised by the patrons for the interest which they took in their children. The speeches were made by Revs. Primm and Nixon and the following Knights of the Ferule: Edmonson, Gosling, Donnell, Hoard, Whiteside, Mrs. M. A. Nixon, Mrs. Wood, and Misses Frazier and Sims were full of instruction. * * Miss Dora White, the manicurist, made a favorable impression during her stay here. * * Mrs. M. J. Anderson left Wednesday for Nashville, where she has accepted a position in the city schools. * * Dr. Turner spent Wednesday and Thursday in Columbia, Tenn. * * Misses L. J. Washington and Rose E. Peacock will not return to Roger Williams this winter. They contemplate teaching next spring. * * Miss Lucretia C. Hill, a popular young lady of 18 Summens street, came in to-day from Robinson's Fork, Tenn., where she has been teaching. * * Churchill Greer and Miss Lou. Ella Dean were married at the residence of Colonel Aaron Dean last Wednesday, Rev. B. A. J. Nixon officiating. * * Hon. W. A. Gosling left Saturday for "the city of rocks." * * The following persons are on the sick list: Mrs. E. J. Bowman, Mrs. Melissia L. Rainey, Miss Ethel Whiteside and Robert Crawford.

Measure of a Man.

Memphis, Tenn.—Special.—The literary division of the Epworth League of Century M. E. Church was highly entertained by a lecture from Rev. E. W. S. Hammond, D. D. Subject, "The Measure of a Man." The lecture was well attended. After a word of congratulation by the president, Dr. D. W. Fields and the vice-president, Dr. G. E. L. Patton Washington, H. R. Saddler, LL. D., in his customary enthusiastic manner, introduced Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, the speaker of the evening, who put forth an able presentation of his subject. His logic is irresistible and his style is excellent. The Epworth League is winning a place among the literary institutions of the country. * * Elmer Day met a horrible death Friday evening, Jan. 21. While stealing a ride on a freight train he fell and his body was completely mangled. * * Dr. C. A. Terrell and J. C. Hairston are in office together at 280 Second street. They have a large practice. Dr. J. N. Abbey is presiding elder of the A. M. E. Church in this district.

Teachers Meeting.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Special.—William Barnes has returned from Oadale. * * L. R. Wiley has opened a barber shop on Deadrick street in Mechanicsville. * * Edward Bridges died last week after a lingering illness. Mr. Bridges was janitor at the custom house. * * Mrs. J. Wesley White has gone to join her husband in Birmingham. * * Mrs. William Bradley, of Clinton street, is quite ill. * * J. W. Manning gave a reception in honor of the Shiloh Presbyterian choir. The choir presented Mr. Manning with a handsome umbrella for past services as choister, he having resigned to take charge of the African Methodist Church. * * Revival services have been going on at the A. M. E. Z. Church for some time. Quite a number have been added to the church. * * Roger Sherman and daughter, of Athens, Tenn., attended the funeral of Mr. Bridges. * * M. M. Mitchell, of Indianapolis, is expected home this week. * * James Dickson, of Abingdon, Va., is in the city. * * Mrs. James Morrow, who has been quite ill for some time, is convalescing. * * Mrs. William Russell, of Bell street, gave birth to triplets, three boys, weighing seven pounds each. One died two days after its birth. The other two are doing fine. * * William Dixon, who was accused of raping a six-year-old white child a few days ago, was bound to court under a two-thousand-dollar bond and sent to jail. * * Dick Marble, who was burned Christmas, is still in a serious condition. * * William Cobb, who has been confined to his bed for the past week, is improving. * * Harvey Sims, of Louisville, Ky., is expected home this week. * * Joseph Trigg, alderman from the Eighth ward, was sworn into office Saturday, Jan. 22. * * The teachers of the city schools met at the Austin High School Jan. 22. The following programme was rendered: Opening exercises, Horace Mann and Mr. J. S. Cobb; class exercises, Miss R. L. Kidd; "Payne's Lectures on Teaching," J. W. Manning; current educational topics; educational foundations for December, J. H. McCallie; miscellaneous topics. * * Mrs. Helen Morton nas opened a boarding house at the corner of Patton and Willow streets. * * Mrs. Cobb, a well-known resident of Eastport, died last week. * * Mrs. Rhoady Massengill, matron of the Martha Massengill Orphan Home, desires all lovers of mankind, regardless of color, to assist her in caring for the twenty inmates who are now sheltered in the home. The object of the home is to receive orphans of African descent, of either sex, and educate, provide for and train them for the duties and responsibilities of life, and assist them, as far as may be, to employment and to homes. Remember a lone woman can't support twenty inmates, whose average age is eight years, without outside help. * * P. E. J. Yett, of Eastport, has remodeled and beautified his residence. * * Mrs. James Barnett is quite ill. * * Miss Mary Barksdall gave a reception at her home on Florida street. * * Will Davis, of Chicago, is visiting his sister. * * Jaes Hoard, of Concord, was in the city last week visiting relatives. * * Get The Freeman at Mrs. N. S. Smith's parlor cafe, or ring up 596, old phone, and H. A. Russell will bring it to you every Saturday.

"Italy of America.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Special.—"A city of angels," "the Italy of America," "an earthly paradise," "a Garden of Eden," are fitting terms to express the beauties, pleasures, sceneries and wealth of a city fast becoming renowned for all its California advantages. Its beauties and blessings cannot be described. The imagination can only attempt it. It has to be seen to be enjoyed. It is now reveling in sunshine, fruits and flowers, while her sister Eastern cities are undergoing the rigors of a severe winter of snow and ice, which tends to drive many Eastern visitors to our lands to shelter from the storms.

Of course, they are amazed and wonder at the glorious climate, and all receive and are benefited by its health-giving sunshine and warmth. It is said no less than four thousand visitors will come here this season. There is no city in the Union that is making such progress, erecting such fine office buildings and residences and other improvements. It is becoming a city of pleasure and wealth, as well as manufacture and commerce. The colored people are well represented in the various professions, trades, labors, etc. As in his inborn nature, he is striving to profit through his limited advantages. I say limited because they are cut off from many avenues of labor by competition with the Chinaman and "union" labor—worst curse in the land. * * The holiday season passed off with its usual gaieties and festivities, all the churches having exceptional programmes, appropriate for the occasion. New Year's day was a perfect one. The greatest attraction was the "Tournament of Roses" at Pasadena, an annual festival, a parade of roses and flowers of the most profuse decorations. In the evening the colored citizens of Pasadena celebrated the Emancipation Proclamation with the following programme: Prayer, Rev. J. H. Kelley; music, "Star-spangled Banner;" address, "To the Union Soldiers," S. B. Carr; solo, "Marching Through Georgia," Mrs. W. S. Dent; paper, "Our Emancipation," Mrs. Ida Ford; music, "America;" reading of proclamation, Mrs. H. C. Allen; address, Rev. Tilghman Brown. Much interest was manifested by the large attendance of citizens and friends. The programme of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Los Angeles, which also celebrated the occasion Sunday night, deserves special mention. The subjects were arranged in such a manner as to present a panoramic view of the great struggle for freedom. The following is the programme: Organ voluntary, "Gloria Patora;" invocation; "Our Agitators," Miss Sini Vena; "Our Martyrs," Fred Roberts; "Our Soldiers," Thomas Nelson; "Emancipators," G. Woodson Wickliff; "Our Leaders," Dr. M. E. Sykes; "Retrospect and Prospect," Mrs. N. Wren. The subjects were most thoughtfully and intelligently presented, leaving an inspiration or gratefulness and reverence for the agitators, martyrs, soldiers, emancipators, leaders. The address of "Retrospect and Prospect" was especially good. No one heard it without being encouraged and inspired and thrilled at the telling facts of progress and hopes set forth with an earnest appeal to the young to arouse themselves to action and duty. * * Rev. J. A. Ford is a newcomer to Los Angeles, from Chicago, having been called to the pastorate of the Tabernacle Baptist Church. The church is progressing under his charge. * * Los Angeles has also cause to feel proud over the addition of Dr. E. E. Barr, wife and baby of Chicago, to its list of colored citizens. The doctor and wife express themselves as highly pleased with our city and climate. We certainly wish him success. * * The Knights of Pythias had their public installation on the 3d inst. It was largely attended and nicely conducted. The Knights served their guests royally. * * The Odd Fellows held their installation Wednesday evening. At the conclusion of installing officers representatives from the other organizations spoke of their orders. The speech were masterful, frought with good will and fraternal greetings, cementing a bond of union, friendship and peace. After the exercises refreshments were served.

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Muncie Items.

Muncie, Ind.—Special.—Miss Hattie Rollins, who has been on the sick list, is able to be about again. * * Presiding Elder Rev. C. C. Towsen, of Indianapolis, was in the city last week, assisting Rev. White with his meeting. * * Mr. Newton will soon move his family to this city to reside permanently. * * Messrs. Dunbar and Hammond are new boarders at Mrs. Kelly's, on South Madison street. * * Mr. Artist has returned to Fort Wayne. * * Mr. Kelley has returned from a short visit to Indianapolis, and is again at work at the Columbia Restaurant. * * Miss Hellie Stokes is in the city from Richmond. She expects to reside here permanently.

In the Social World.

Hartford, Conn. — Special. — The churches are making great revival efforts. * * Chauncey Douglass, the local preacher at Union Baptist Church, is making his influence felt by his valuable services and active work. * * Mrs. Mary Butler was the honored guest of the very pleasant reception at the home of Mrs. Douglass last week. * * Cephas Grant, of Asylum avenue, is elated over the arrival of a fine boy. * * Mrs. D. Scott is spending a vacation at New Haven, Conn. * * G. Grant Williams is having great success with his new discovery for skin disorders. * * Mrs. Sarah Johnson, on Albany avenue, has been sick for several days. * * Barney Johnson, on Sandford street, entertained at his home last Wednesday evening. * * Charles Costello has recovered from a recent illness. * * Mrs. Clara Percy is again able to attend to her household duties, after suffering long from a protracted illness. * * I. W. Green, formerly head waiter at the Allyn House, has taken charge of the Jefferson House, Richmond, Va. * * The boys at the State's Hotel are working in harmony and the chopping ax is resting at ease—but how long? * * A. B. Mitchell, first man at G. Grant Williams's barber shop, is on the sick list. * * The Capital City Band is in great demand at this season. Watch The Freeman. * * Brilliant lights, both human and electric, illuminated the home of Mrs. Washington, on Asylum street, last week, when a reception and entertainment long to be remembered by those having the honor to be present was given. * * William Pierce, the popular foreman at Shields Bros.' barber shop, has invented a new style hair-cut called the "Klondike." Mr. Pierce has an eye to business, and is recognized as one of Hartford's most active business men. * * There are ten more men to be added to the Hartford police force, making eighty-five in all; but of this number shouldn't the colored people have at least two? Have the leading colored men here no influence they could use in this direction? * * G. Grant Williams and D. Scott have had favorable reports on their applications, and it is the duty of the colored voters of Hartford, to a man to send in petitions praying for the appointment of Williams and Scott.

Keokuk Notes.

Keokuk, Ia.—Special.—Rev. Middleton, of Cairo, Ill., is expected to arrive in the city about Feb. 2 to take charge of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. * * Mrs. Louisa Moore, of Louisville, Ky., who is the guest of her brother, George W. Caldwell, was very greatly surprised Thursday evening by a company of friends, who brought fun and frolic with them. A season of enjoyment was most agreeably spent, while a feast of good things awaited the inner man. The pleasant affair was arranged by Mrs. Mattie Woodard. * * Two very successful and interesting entertainments were given Monday and Tuesday evenings by Mrs. Katharine D. Tillman at Bethel Church. George and Martha Washington were there in all their colonial garb and were the recipients of much favorable comment. * * Rehearsals for Miss Draine's piano-forte recital are progressing nicely. Each individual is striving to bring out the author's meaning in every selection. The following well-known musicians and vocalists will be heard to much advantage on the evening of Feb. 21: Solo pianists, Miss Ella Draine, Mrs. Claud D. Bland, Miss Florence Jackson; violinist, Frederick D. Fields; mandolinists, Miss Sadie A. Benthan, Wilbert W. Fields, Joseph Shelton; vocalists, Miss Florence Jackson, Miss Margaret Draine, Miss Ada Smith, A. William Draine. * * Rev. Tillman entered upon a protracted effort Wednesday night, the 19th. * * A colored newspaper is one of the things much talked of among the negroes of this city. * * The choir of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin has been reorganized to the number of fifteen members.

Grim Reaper—Death.

Mt. Vernon, Ill.—Special.—Mr. and Mrs. George Duiguid removed to Hopkinsville, Ky. We regret their departure, but wish them success in their new location. * * Archie L. Summers, the practical laundryman of Fairfield, made a business trip to our city last week. Mr. Summers is very prominent in society circles of Fairfield. Mr. Summers is favorably impressed with Mount Vernon, and decided to locate here. He purchased property on North Elm street and will move to our city soon. * * Atlas Baylass, jr., was unable for duty a few days this week, caused by a bruised ankle received in the car shops. * * The Alabama Trio-Concert Company played at the Opera House Saturday evening to a crowded house. They made a great hit and received a hearty encore. * * John Nelson, of Bellville, the forerunner of the Alabama Trio-Concert Company, and a former resident of this city, spent a few days here last week. * * Mr. and Mrs. William Calliway, of Grand avenue, lost their infant son, little Orval, Thursday night, the 20th. We extend to the family our sympathy. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, by Rev. J. W. Owsley, presiding elder, and Rev. R. R. Howard. Interrment at Old Union Cemetery. * * Mrs. Thomas Calliway and Mrs. Lewis Calliway, of Centralia were in attendance at the funeral of little Orval Calliway.

Congratulations.

We congratulate Prof. Richard T. Greener, of New York, on the successful landing of the Bombay consular plum on his side of the fence. The selection is a good one, and the honor conferred is most deservingly bestowed and gives general satisfaction.—The Parsons Weekly Blade, Kan.

A Strange Malady.

Dublin, Ind.—Special.—Albert Cooley, fifty-two years old, is dead of a strange malady. Two years ago a burning sensation was noticable in one of his fingers, and this increased until his entire hand and his arm to the elbow were affected, the flesh being eaten away, and the muscles and bones withering as if in a flame. Medical attention failed of relief.

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TO THE KLONDIKE.

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MADE IN MINIATURE.

CURIOUS MICROSCOPIC MARVELS ACHIEVED BY INGENIOUS MEN.

Peter Ramus Tells Some Very Fishy Stories About John Muller—The Ever Growing Squad of Cherry Stone Workers—A Wonderful Knife.

Perhaps the most prevalent mania of men gifted with mechanical ingenuity takes the shape of accomplishing or attempting to accomplish in miniature the mightiest feats of engineering that human hands have ever set up. The enthusiast in miniature regards the Forth bridge, for example, not as a utilitarian masterpiece, but as a model to be followed and copied in all the materials supplied by a threepenny bit, and the 985 feet of Eiffel tower neither fills his breast with awe nor horror, but is regarded as a choice subject to be constructed in miniature out of bent pen and the shell of a walnut.

Of the mediæval mechanicians John Muller, better known in the trade as Regiomontanus, which one must admit sounds well for one of his craft, who lived in the fifteenth century, was without doubt the Maskelyne and Cook of the period, or at all events he had as a biographer a writer of greater imagination than the other less fortunate genii of that era. Peter Ramus, the writer in question, not only credits John Muller with fashioning a wooden eagle, which on the occasion of the Emperor Maximilian visiting Nuremberg flew out to meet him, saluted him in due form—however that may have been—and then turned round and accompanied the procession to the city gates, but further asserts that the same individual turned out an iron fly

Which, having flown a perfect roundabout,
With weary wings returned unto her master.

We are inclined to think, all things considered, that Peter Ramus had the makings of a very fine creator of exciting fiction in him and that it was a sad pity he allowed his gift to be wasted in compiling a biography of a 100 years' deceased automata artificer in place of forestalling the friend of our youth, M. Jules Verne.

The cherry stone has been a favorite subject for the worker in miniature since Hadrianus Junius saw at Mechlin "a cherry stone cut into the form of a basket, in which were 14 pairs of dice distinct, the spots and numbers of which were easily to be discerned with a good eye." A museum in Massachusetts has among its other possessions a cherry stone containing a dozen silver spoons. As the stone is of the ordinary size the spoons are so small that their shape can only be admired by the aid of a microscope. Other remarkable cherry stones are the ones carved all over with 124 heads, mostly of popes and potentates, and the one fashioned by a topmaker at Nuremberg, which contains a plan of Sevastopol, a railway station and the "Messiah" of Klopstock, is indeed multum in parvo.

A tiny vessel has been made of late years by an Italian jeweler who came into possession of a pearl that nature had caused to take upon itself the shape and contour of a boat. A sail of beaten gold studded with diamonds, a binnacle light of ruby and emerald, and a rudder of ivory complete the structure, which weighs less than an ounce all told. We recently saw it stated that the smallest steam engine in the world is one of an upright pattern, made of silver and gold and resting on a 25 cent goldpiece. The diameter of the cylinder is one forty-eighth part of an inch; stroke, one thirty-second of an inch; weight, one eighth of a grain; bore of cylinder, .3125 of a square inch. The engine can be worked either by steam or compressed air, and—oh, shade of Peter Ramus—the balance wheel of one-third of an inch diameter is said to make 1,760 revolutions per minute.

In 1816 a knife was made at Messrs. Travis & Son's, Manchester, containing three blades, buttonhook, saw, punch, screwdriver, box, corkscrew, hook and gimlet, two phlemens, a species of lancet, picker and two more lancets with a ring at the head. The knife, we learn, was only eleven-sixteenths of an inch long and weighed 1 pennyweight 14 grains. At this end of the century Sheffield can boast of a dozen pairs of shears, each so minute that they altogether weigh less than half a grain, if report speaks true.

Of examples of microscope writing there is no end, but one of the most famous is mentioned by Pliny, who said that Cicero had once seen Homer's "Iliad" in a nutshell. In order to prove the truth of this a French writer named Huet experimented in the presence of the dauphin, whose tutor he was in 1670. He first showed that a piece of sheepskin 10 by 8 inches can be folded up to fit the shell of a walnut, and then proceeded to prove that he could get 250 stanzas of 30 verses to a stanza on each side of the paper, or 7,500 verses on each side. Of the paintings in miniature Carel van Mander, the sixteenth century painter and historian, quotes the landscape painted by Lucas van Heere's wife. This work of art represented a mill with sails bent, the miller appearing as if mounting the stairs loaded with a sack. A cart and horse were seen upon the terrace upon which the mill was fixed, and on the road several peasants were discerned. The whole was perfectly distinct and accurately finished, and yet so minute that it could be covered with one grain of corn. Surely that most microscopic artist, M. Jan van Beers, must be descended from the fair painter of that extraordinary work of art.—London Standard.

Her Explanation.

"This building," said the little city girl, who was taking her little country cousin around and showing her the sights, "is called the half orphan asylum. They intended to make a whole asylum out of it, but they found they didn't have money enough, I expect."—Chicago Tribune.

TOSSED BY THE HURRICANE.

The Shorn "Colonel" and the Wrecked "Captain" Dine Together.

Two men who had been chums in a western town before a financial hurricane hit it met for the first time in years in a Sixth avenue eating house the other day. In the days of their prosperity one of them was a political lever and was called colonel. He had been on the governor's staff. The other in some way had acquired the title of captain. Both had front seats in every event of the town in which they had lived. The governor's ornament is now a plain bookkeeper in Broad street. The other man is a dry goods clerk.

After greetings, explanations and a few mournful references to perished delights, they had a combination meal, and if you don't know what that is you have never had any trouble, and any one who casts a shadow is worse than a heathen. When the meal was over, the two old friends walked out and stood for a few minutes under the splutter of an arc light. As they were parting the man who used to ride the big bay horse in the governor's parade, and who had commanded the populace of his town to stand back, said in a low, mournerlike tone:

"If you come to see me, don't call me colonel. Nobody knows me as colonel now. I am just an employee on a salary."

The arc light spluttered again as the little man replied in a squeaky, hall bedroom voice:

"And if you come to see me just call me, 'Say, you!' That's what everybody calls me in the store."

"Well, goodby, captain."

"So long, colonel."

It was the first time they had heard the titles in years and each walked away with a lighter step and lighter heart.—New York Sun.

DUTIES OF CHRISTIAN LIFE.

No Virtue In One's Daily Actions Unless It Is Established In the Soul.

"The obligations and duties of the Christian life are not all external," writes Cardinal Gibbons, pointing out a religious life to young men, in The Ladies' Home Journal. "They are mainly material and must proceed from the heart. There is no virtue in one's daily actions unless it be first established in the soul and is only an external expression of the soul's convictions or prolongation of heartfelt sentiments. Yet the external practice of Christian virtues and the performance of Christian duties pertain to the integrity, if not to the essential character, of the Christian life. The interior sentiments soon perish without external expression, as life and bodily powers become extinct without due and proper exercise or employment.

"However, as the external duties are not absolutely and under all circumstances essential, they vary both in number and frequency according to environments and opportunities. A business man cannot do all that a clergyman is expected to do, a man in trade not what a man in leisure can accomplish nor a man of the world all that is possible and easy to one who keeps himself from society. But all, no matter where, no matter what their engagements and secular pursuits, how little or how much time they can call their own, can and are obliged to perform daily acts of prayer and religion and accomplish many duties of virtue and charity. There is no condition of life which is incompatible with the dictates and principles and precepts of the Christian life."

A Mexican Custom on Good Friday.

Mrs. Sara Y. Stevenson contributes to The Century an article on "Maximilian's Empire," one of a series devoted to the French intervention in Mexico. In describing the scenes that followed the siege of Puebla Mrs. Stevenson says:

It was a Mexican custom on Good Friday to burn Judas in effigy on the Plaza Mayor. Judas was a manikin made in the shape of the person who happened to be most unpopular at the time. It was quite admissible to burn Judas under different shapes, and sometimes these summary autos-da-fe were multiplied to suit the occasion and the temper of the people. At the same time rattles were sold on the streets and universally bought alike by children and adults, by rich and poor, to grind the bones of Judas, and the objectionable noise—second in hideousness only to that of our own sending off of firecrackers on the Fourth of July—was religiously kept up all day. In the year of our Lord 1863 Judas was burned in Mexico on the Plaza Mayor under the shapes of General Forey, Napoleon III, and last, but not least, M. Dubois de Saligny, who especially was roasted with a will amid the wild execrations of the populace.

The Light Side of Nature.

Siddy—I wonder if we should find any babies, Katie, if we dug up these gooseberry bushes?

Katie—Babies don't come out of gooseberry bushes, Siddy.

Siddy—Well, where do they come from, then?

Katie—Why, from the big shops, of course. Haven't you seen printed over some of them, "Families supplied?"—Sketch.

Crazy to Go.

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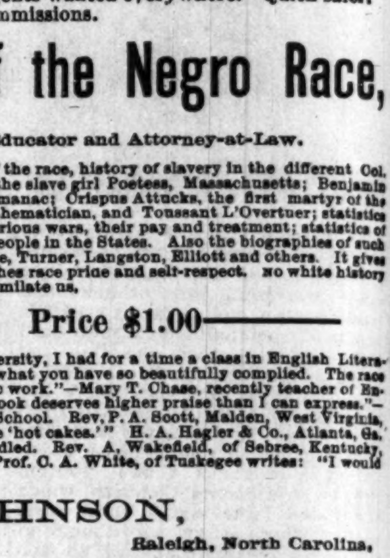

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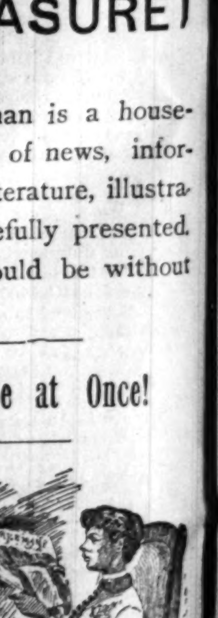

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From the few facts that I have ventured to put together we may deduce, I think, the following conclusions, which, I trust, may be found of some interest by those who desire to have a general view of the expectation of life, its real duration and the possible causes of its length and brevity.

First.—That, according to the best authorities of the last century, the extreme limit of life might be 125 years under extraordinary and almost abnormal circumstances.

Second.—That the anticipation of life is roughly five times the time that the organs of the body—not counting the brain, which develops later—require to attain their full and absolute maturity. This, of course, varies not only in races, but in individuals, some developing early and some much later, even in the same climate and in the same family.

Third.—That rarely, if ever, is that full duration achieved, owing to disease, food, heredity, bad habits, wear and tear and many other causes which shorten life.

Fourth.—The slower the development the longer may be the duration of life.

Fifth.—That all human beings are not born with the capacity for long life even under the most favorable circumstances. As the organism of the human being is more complex than that of the lower animals, so his anticipation of life is far more variable.

Sixth. — That those circumstances which conduce to longevity are undoubtedly late development, frugal habits, moderation, exemption from vicissitudes of climate and extreme of heat or cold, from mental worry and agitation, temperature in eating and drinking, with a fair amount of brain work when the brain is ready to undertake it.

We have all heard the well worn axiom attributed to the Psalmist that the "days of man are threescore and ten," but in Genesis vi, 3, will be found the following passage, "Yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." This passage seems to have been overlooked, as I have rarely seen it quoted, although curiously enough it exactly corresponds to the theory that man should attain five times the period of reaching his maturity.—Nineteenth Century.

The Disfiguring "Make Up."

So long as we indulge in the barbarism of footlights some strengthening of the points of the face may be needful. It is indeed an excellent thing when deftly done and the material causes of the effect entirely hidden, as they should be. The clarity of a whiter tint to the general tone of the skin, the illumination of eye and teeth by emphasizing the brow and lashes and lips, the heightening of the color—all these things can be so done as to disguise the means by which they are done. What is the method actually pursued? White is laid all over face and shoulders in thick washes, like a Pierrot's mask, masses of black pomade load the eyebrows and eyelashes, great gobs of red are put upon the ear lobes and on and around the lips like a snapdragon, deep pink in and below the nostrils and on the eyelids and masses of black or purple beneath the eyes, projecting to the temples in arrowheads.

All these things are perfectly visible to a large part of the audience and are disfiguring even at a distance. With an opera glass they are shocking. The objects which are obtained are the goggling of the eyes, which can be thrown about with the intensity of a darky's, and the display of the ivories, which produce a similar effect to his. For passion to show itself in such plastered faces, for waves of emotion to spread over them and for any refinement of feeling to communicate itself to the audience are as impossible as it would be to expect these things from the painted canvas. They cannot cry, of course, nor touch, nor be touched, without disaster. Ellen Terry played a disfiguring scene here one night, with the water streaming from an eye into which her loaded eyelashes had discharged themselves.—Time and the Hour.

A Pertinent Question.

Old Aunt Dinah was a colored woman with a remarkably strong voice who would sing and cry "glory" with such vigor as to be heard above all the rest of the congregation, but she was of an unpleasantly "saving" disposition. It was the custom at the missionary meetings which she attended to take up the collection during the singing of the hymn "Fly abroad, thou mighty gospel," in the midst of which Aunt Dinah always threw back her head, closed her eyes and sang away at the top of her lungs until the plate had been passed. The collector, who was an old man of plain speech, observed this habit, and one evening when he came to her seat he surveyed her rapt countenance and then said bluntly, "Look a-heah, Aunt Dinah, what's de good ob yo' a-singin an a-singin 'Fly abroad, thou mighty gospel,' ef yo' doan' gib nuffin to make her fly?"—Exchange.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

Some Examples of the Glaring Inconsistencies of Its Alphabet.

As our alphabet now stands—even after 6,000 years of perfecting—it is a string of singularly ambiguous signs and affords an unequaled opportunity for tormentors, just as a man who cannot express himself clearly can be plagued with sophisticated questions. The confusion of English sound and letters is well illustrated by spelling coffee without one correct letter—kauphy—which spelling is nearer the original than the one in use, for a pamphlet was printed in Oxford in 1659 on "The Nature of the Drink Kauphi or Coffee."

The artistically bad orthography of many of our funny writers is made possible by the glaring inconsistencies of our alphabet. But some instances of naturally funny bad spelling are perhaps equal to any artificial ones. Here is a note that was sent to a doctor:

Cer—Yole oblige me uf yole kum un ce me I hev a Bad kowd am Hill an hev lost my Happy Tight.

The following, received by a schoolmaster, was likely to be misunderstood:

Sur—As you are a man of nolege I intend to inter my son in your skull.

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The items are not apothecaries' articles, as might be supposed, but merely "a horse half a day and a taking on him home again."

Many eccentric devices of literature depend on the peculiar arrangement of letters. Some of these have fine sounding names and are recognized as famous recreations of the learned. The palindrome, which is a line that reads alike backward and forward, is one of the most difficult of all feats of letter juggling and has engaged the attention of the world's cleverest brains.

While in exile Napoleon was asked by an Englishman if he thought he could have sacked London and replied, "Able was I ere I saw Elba"—the most skillful palindrome on record. Run the letters of the reply backward if you would test it. A famous Latin example is the lawyers' motto, "Si Nummi immunis." The following sentence is not only a palindrome, but extraordinary in other respects: "Sator areppo tenet opera rotas."

This spells the same backward and forward; all the first letters of the words spell the first word; the second letters of the word spell the second word, and so on through the third, fourth and fifth. The last letters spell the last word; the next to the last of each word spell the next word, and so on to the beginning.—London Mail.

ENGLISH STUFFINGS.

Recipes Which the Sender Says Are Excellent and Not Found In Books.

Here is a recipe for turkey and chicken stuffing which the sender says is very different in its results from those given in the cookbooks:

Crumble or grate the inside of a stale loaf or more of baker's bread, either a round loaf or milk bread. Add pepper and salt, the grated rind of a lemon and to a loaf half the juice; to 2 loaves, all of it; a little grated nutmeg, a handful each of finely cut parsley leaves and fine white celery leaves, thyme, sweet marjoram and summer savory, using the leaves in preference to the ground, and twice the quantity of thyme as of the marjoram or savory. Mix all together, dry and fill the crops, putting all the remainder into the bodies of the fowl. As the filling is being done add small pieces of good butter, which, together with the proper basting, will give the dressing sufficient moisture.

This dressing is also excellent for roast leg of pork when you do not want to simulate duck or goose with it.

"The recipe for the good old English stuffing for ducks or geese," the sender adds, "I never see in our cookbooks and do not find it used upon my neighbors' tables. People spoil these birds with soft bread and muss."

This is the old recipe for stuffing for geese, ducks or a leg of pork:

Take equal parts of parboiled potatoes cut into inch square cubes and onions cut up. Strain dry, add pepper and salt and sage leaves crushed up. Prepare enough of the mixture to fill the pork or birds with it and to lay some of it under them in the roasting pan. Keep this extra filling under the birds. Dish it separately and serve it at the table with the rest.—New York Sun.

Pure Water and New Boilers.

The corrosive power of pure water on new or unscaled boilers was well illustrated in the city of Glasgow when a new water supply was introduced from Loch Katrine, one of the purest waters in the world which are available for city consumption. The former supply had been poor and calcareous, and old boilers were much coated with lime scale. To the dismay of the users those who had put in new boilers or new tubes found them rapidly corroding, while the old scaled and coated boilers remained as before. Those, too, who had removed every possible trace of old incrustation from their old boilers by mechanical or chemical means, intending thus to get, as they expected, the full benefit of pure water, were also badly troubled by corrosion, and even the old boilers as the scale was gradually removed by the unvaryingly soft and pure water from the lake were more or less corroded when no means were taken to prevent it.

The Awful Small Boy.

Mrs. Cakebread was entertaining some ladies at a select little 5 o'clock tea, and Bobby, who had been exceptionally well behaved, was in high feather.

"Ma," he said, as cake was being handed round, "may I have some tongue, please?"

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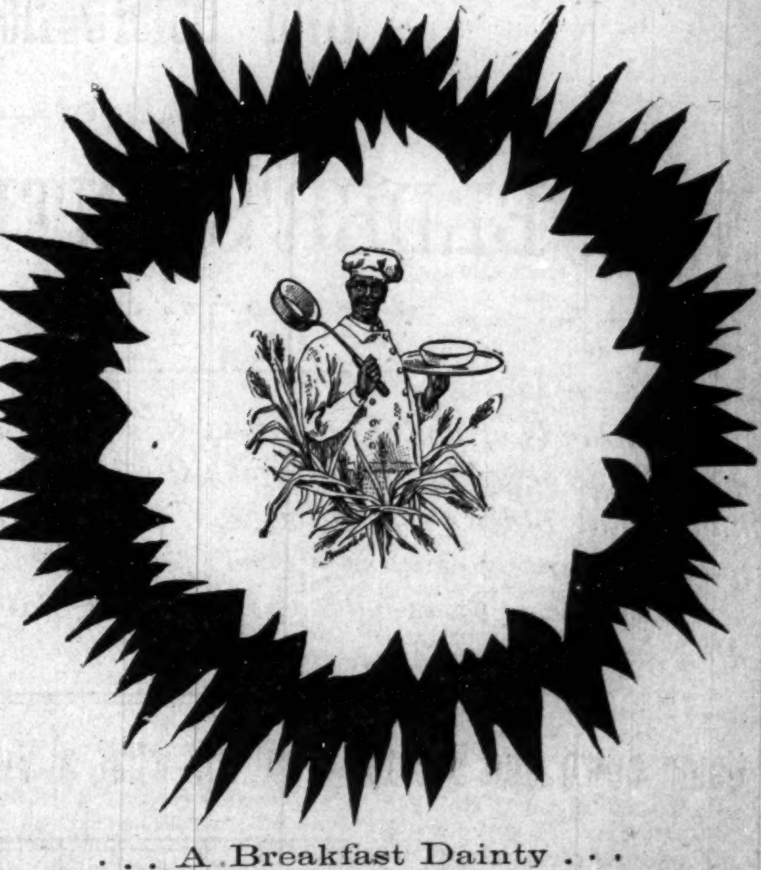

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Bishop B. W. Arnett will preach at Bethel to-morrow at 10:45 a. m.

The Tuxedo Club will give their annual ball at Odd Fellows' Hall Jan. 31.

Bishop B. W. Arnett will conduct the opening exercises at Grace Mission to-morrow, corner of Ninth and Yandes streets.

Last Monday was promotion day in the various schools, and the colored children passed the examinations exceedingly well.

The double funeral of Mr. James Hall and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Robison, occurred from Allen Chapel last Thursday afternoon.

The trial of William Bridgewater for the murder of Ollister Wharton in Woodruff Place last summer, has been set down for February 16.

This and various other valuable educational methods should alone be a plea for well-filled school houses at this stage of civilization, which is ultra-educational.

James Taylor, of 101 Mulberry street, was killed by a Louisville train at the Madison-avenue crossing last Saturday evening. He was thirty-eight years of age, and leaves a wife and child to mourn his departure.

Joe Porter was arrested Monday by Detective Thornton for refusing to return a pocket book that he found containing $50. The pocket book was $21 short when obtained. He was held for grand jury action.

James Hughes, a deputy constable was arrested last Monday on a charge of drawing a revolver on Mary Peterson. Hughes is employed by the Union Railroad Company to keep boys from jumping on moving trains.

St. Theresa Temple and Phillip Bros. Lodges, W. B. F., gave a grand concert at the Ninth Presbyterian Church last Thursday. It was a decided success socially and financially. Mrs. Rosella Beacham was general manager.

John Fields, a respected citizen, died at his home at 1422 Howard street, the 18th, after a long and painful illness. He was a member of the F. and A. M., under whose auspices he was buried from the Ninth Presbyterian Church, Sunday, the 23d. Rev. White officiated.

Mr. H. L. Sanders, the well-known haberdasher, who has been established at 18 Indiana avenue since 1889, has removed his large and assorted stock of gents' furnishings to 6 Indiana avenue, where he will have more commodious quarters and will be better prepared to serve his numerous customers. He will be glad to meet all of his friends.

The Anacostia Club, a Republican institution of this city, gave its first entertainment at Allen Chapel church last week. Messrs. J. A. Lott, Octavius Royal, George L. Knox, Gurley Brewer, James Simms and Wm. M. Lewis were called on to address the immense audience. They were warmly received. The organization felt proud of its endeavors.

The four lodges of Knights of Pythias in this city held a public installation at Odd Fellows' Hall last Thursday evening. The affair was the grandest that has ever been conducted by any secret organization. The hall was crowded, and all enjoyed themselves that were present. The Knights of Pythias is the leading organization now in the State.

The introduction of manual training in the colored schools of this city is having and ought to have a salutary influence. It may be that results will not be immediately perceptible, but in time this innovation will show its influence. Wood carving under the general supervision of Supervising Principal F. A. Manny, of Chicago University, is becoming quite a marked feature. Girls and boys even to the lower grades are being taught this handicraft, which carries with it high disciplinary values as well.

Personal and Society.

Miss Mattie Miller is improving slowly.

Rev. C. C. Townsend was in Muncie last week.

Mr. Kelly, of Muncie, was in the city last week.

Mrs. M. Malone, of Agnes street, is ill with la grippe.

Mr. Willis Walker is visiting his parents in Chillicothe, O.

Bishop B. F. Lee, of Wilbeforce, O., was in the city last Sunday.

Mrs. Gus. McFarlain is recovering from a recent illness.

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Mrs. A. C. Richardson has returned from a visit to relatives in Louisville, Ky.

Miss Jennie Miller entertained friends Friday evening, the 21st, at her pretty home in Senate avenue. Dancing and games were indulged in and a dainty repast was served. All present report a pleasant time.

Mrs. Willie Collyins is visiting her sister in Cairo, Ill., and son in Jackson, Mo.

Mrs. and Mrs. Elliott, of Erlanger, Ky., have taken residence in this city at Norwood.

Alex. Rogers, of Nashville, Tenn., was in the city a few days enroute to Philadelphia.

Cards are out anouncing the marriage of Augustus Stewart to Miss Hattie McClure.

Mrs. Nellie Gilchrist-Gillam has returned from a visit to relatives in Carthage, Ind.

Mrs. John Kennedy, of Louisville, Ky., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Oscar Wood, in Wood street.

Rev. H. H. Harris, of Cincinnati, formerly pastor of Corinthian Baptist church was in the city last week.

Mrs. A. H. Grigsby, of Richmond, Ind., is the guest of Mrs. Henry E. Grigsby, of North Illinois street.

Mr. M. E. Robison, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lexington, Ky., paid The Freeman sanctum a visit Tuesday.

The Idle Hour Pleasure Club held its meeting this week at the residence of Mrs. W. Norman Curry, 727 Fayette street.

Mrs. Emma Hall, of Terre Haute, after a very pleasant visit to her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Smith, returned home last Monday.

Prof. Rosebrough, musical director, with Rev. I. Tolliver, D. D., the Texas evangelist, is assisting Rev. J. W. Carr in revival services.

Mr. Millard Gillam and Miss Nellie Gilchrist were quietly married last week at Carthage, Ind., the home of the bride. They have taken residence at 804 Blake street.

Mr. Troy Porter, of Paris, Ills., a substantial business man of that place, was in the city this week attending the Monetary Convention. He has favored this office as usual, with one of his beautiful annual calendars.

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ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Three accessions to the church last Sunday. * * The social given by the Missionary Society last Thursday evening was a grand success. * * Program of the Missionary Society rendered last Monday afternoon: Song, Society; Scripture reading, Mrs. A. L. Murray; song, Society; solo, Mrs. L. Venable; address, Bishop B. F. Lee; solo, Mrs. Lewis; solo, Mrs. Ora King. * * Preparatory meeting to our revival begins next Monday evening, 31st. * * Second quarterly meeting first Sunday in February. Pastors and their congregations are cordially invited to be present. We shall look for officers of the churches as well. * * Special sermon to the Anacostia Club Sunday, Feb. 13, at 7:45 p. m.

At Second Baptist Church.

The protracted meeting is increasing in interest. The Texas evangelist, the Rev. I. Tolliver, D. D., is preaching with power and demonstration. Hundreds are turned away, not being able to gain admission, because of the great crowds which attend each service. There have been sixty-one accessions. There will be a general covenant meeting and communion to-morrow at 2:30 p. m. Come early to get a seat. There will be special services each day at 3 p. m.

Ninth Presbyterian Church.

Revival has closed with four conversions and five additions to the church.

Preaching to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school at 2:30. It is hoped that all members and friends will be present.

Among the Spires.

Meridian, Miss.—Special.—Hon. J. C. Hill has returned from a business trip to Jackson. * * Mr. and Mrs. John Ward are the delighted parents of a baby girl. * * A bouncing boy is the latest arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Burrell. * * Miss Maggie Chalk is recovering from a recent illness. * * Rev. O. Spradley, of Aberdeen, preached at New Hope the night of the 23d. * * Johnnie Saunders is the organist at New Hope and Hon. J. C. Hill is the leader of a select choir. * * Rev. Jones, of Birmingham, preached a splendid sermon at the Congregational Church the 23d at 11 a. m. * * Andrew Jones and Miss Cume, both of Jackson, were in the city on the 23d. * * Aaron Vinson, late of Jackson, died at the residence of Thos. Thrash Tuesday, the 18th, and was buried at the City Cemetery Wednesday, the 19th. * * The funeral sermon of Page Isral, who died some time ago, will be preached at New Hope on the second Sunday in February. Rev. L. W. Watson will officiate. * * Bishop J. B. Small conducted conference at the Zion M. E. Church last week. * * Robert Miller continues very ill.

The Annual Election.

Eufala, Ala.—Special.—T. J. Tennille, of Howe, Ala., was in town Wednesday. * * J. L. Tuggle, of Birmingham, Ala., spent last Wednesday, in this city. * * R. T. Jackson has returned from Birmingham, Ala. * * T. J. Tennille is authorized to solicit subscription for The Freeman. The Freeman leads, all others follow. * * Rev. G. B. West, the popular pastor of St. John A. M. E. church, is doing a good work in this city and the members are pleased with their new pastor. * * Bluff City Lodge No. 3700 held its annual election Jan. 6. The following officers were elected: E. Mincer, P. N. G.; Ruffin Ellis, chaplain; T. D. Washington, advocate; P. R. Drewery, treasurer; A. Malone, P. S.; Walter Thompson, N. G.; I. Sorter, V. G.; E. Malone, jr., N. F.; James Williams, E. S.; Mose Thomas, P. N. G.; Monroe Sorter, I. G.; Yancie Moore, Warden; Eugene Bell, R. S. to V. G.; Harrison Grimes, L. S. to V. G.; J. D. Brown, R. S. N. G.; Dan Cowart, L. S. to N. G.; Willie May, asst lecturer. * * Services at the First Baptist church last Sunday morning were well attended. Rev. R. T. Pollard preached an excellent sermon. * * More copies of The Freeman were wanted last week, but the agent could not disappoint the regular customers. * * Mr. J. W. Fisher and Miss A. E. Fisher have returned from Louisville, Ala. * * Miss Fannie Brooks, of Hatcher Station, is the guest of Mrs. Fannie Snellings. * * Mr. R. T. Pollard has been quite sick, but is better. * * Messrs. Ed. Davis and Ed Springer have returned from Montgonemy, Ala. * * The Freeman will be delivered at your door every Saturday for 5 cents. * * Ruben Lewis was in the city last Saturday and subscribed for The Freeman. * * The B. Y. P. U. had an interesting meeting last Sunday evening at the First Baptist church. * * The A. M. E. Sunday-school was well attended last Sabbath morning at 11 a. m. Rev. W. C. Banton preached an able sermon. * * The Christian Endeavor was led last Sunday evening by W. H. Wilson.

Drowned in Eagle Lake

Decatur, Mich.—Special.—Ves Perdue has returned from Benton Harbor. * * Penfield Stafford was the guest at the home of E. M. Winburn the last of the week. * * Mrs. Alice Brown, of Chicago, after attending the funeral of her brother returned to her home. * * Joseph Cooper was in Niles last week. * * Frank Jones, of South Bend, is visiting friends. * * Harry Winburn has gone to Battle Creek for an indefinite stay. * * Subscribe for The Freeman. * * Jimmie Lowry, the thirteen year old son of Mrs. Elizabeth Lowry, was drowned in Eagle Lake, Jan. 12. He, in company with two companions, attempted to skate across the lake, when young Lowry failed to see a large air hole into which he fell. He came to the surface, but his companions were unable to rescue him. Assistance was called, but it was too late and the work of recovering the body was commenced. Arthur Lowry, at his own peril, dove into 22 feet of water in the hope of recovering his brother's body. The scene was a touching one. The body was at last recovered by the use of grab hooks. The funeral was held at the Baptist church. Rev. J. H. Hammond officiated. * * Mrs. Mattie Simpson is visiting friends.

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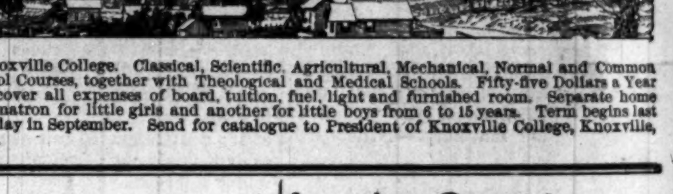

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